

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the :  
 Regulation of the :  
 Purchased Gas Adjustment :  
 Clauses Contained Within :  
 the Rate Schedules of: :

Eastern Natural Gas : Case No. 15-207-GA-GCR  
 Company, Pike Natural Gas : 15-214-GA-GCR  
 Company, Southeastern : 15-215-GA-GCR  
 Natural Gas Company, and :  
 Related Matters. :

In the Matter of the :  
 Uncollectible Expense :  
 Riders of: :

Eastern Natural Gas : Case No. 15-307-GA-UEX  
 Company, Pike Natural Gas : 15-314-GA-UEX  
 Company, and Related :  
 Matters. :

In the Matter of the :  
 Percentage of Income :  
 Payment Plan Riders of: :

Eastern Natural Gas : Case No. 15-407-GA-PIP  
 Company, Pike Natural Gas : 15-414-GA-PIP  
 Company, Southeastern : 15-415-GA-PIP  
 Natural Gas Company, and :  
 Related Matters. :

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PROCEEDINGS

before Mr. L. Douglas Jennings, Attorney Examiner, at  
 the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East  
 Broad Street, Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio, called at  
 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 2016.

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APPEARANCES:

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On behalf of the Applicants.

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On behalf of the Staff of the PUCO.

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Wednesday Morning Session,  
February 24, 2016.

1 Let's begin with the company.

2 MR. HOWARD: Thank you, your Honor.  
3 Would you please have the record reflect the  
4 appearance on behalf of the Eastern Natural Gas  
5 Company, Pike Natural Gas Company, and Southeastern  
6 Natural Gas Company, the law firm of Vorys, Sater,  
7 Seymour & Pease LLP, 52 East Gay Street, Columbus,  
8 Ohio 43215 by Stephen M. Howard. Thank you.

9 EXAMINER JENNINGS: May I have an  
10 appearance on behalf of staff.

11 MR. LINDGREN: On behalf of the staff,  
12 the Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine by Thomas G.  
13 Lindgren and John H. Jones, 180 East Broad Street,  
14 6th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

15 EXAMINER JENNINGS: I will note for the  
16 record there is no one from the public here to  
17 testify.

18 We've had a discussion off the record.  
19 It's -- I have been advised that the parties have yet  
20 to reach a stipulation in this proceeding and that in  
21 accordance with my last entry, we will proceed to  
22 take any testimony but continue the hearing to allow  
23 the parties additional time to resolve any  
24 outstanding issues.

25 There is a matter concerning affidavits.

1 Counsel, would you address that.

2 MR. HOWARD: Yes, your Honor. In your  
3 January 13 entry you granted the companies' request  
4 for a waiver so that they might file -- I'm sorry,  
5 they might notify their customers via a bill insert  
6 earlier than the 30-day window. I can represent to  
7 the Commission that I have filed samples of the bills  
8 that went out in mid-January and in mid-February that  
9 is in compliance with your January 13, 2016, entry.

10 When we meet again for a hearing, we will  
11 have an affidavit representing the proof of  
12 notification to customers. Thank you.

13 EXAMINER JENNINGS: Thank you. To deal  
14 with the issues that are yet outstanding, this  
15 hearing will be continued. I would request that the  
16 parties provide, please, a written update during the  
17 week of March 28 advising me whether the issues will  
18 be resolved or have been resolved and will discuss at  
19 that time whether -- we will talk about dates for the  
20 actual continuance of this hearing or whether  
21 additional time will be needed.

22 Is there anything further that we need to  
23 discuss?

24 MR. HOWARD: Your Honor, we are striving  
25 to have a stipulation and in the unlikely event we

are not able to have a stipulation, the companies would reserve the right to set a hearing date -- or ask the Commission to set a hearing date in the future and have the companies be able to file testimony in support of their position. Thank you.

EXAMINER JENNINGS: Thank you. Pursuant to my last entry, that testimony, I believe the parties have agreed, should be filed 16 days within advance of a hearing. I intend to comply with that.

If there is nothing further, this hearing is adjourned.

(Thereupon, at 10:21 a.m., the hearing was adjourned.)

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is  
a true and correct transcript of the proceedings  
taken by me in this matter on Wednesday, February 24,  
2016, and carefully compared with my original  
stenographic notes.

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Karen Sue Gibson, Registered  
Merit Reporter.

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Summary: Transcript in the matter of Eastern Natural Gas Company, Pike Natural Gas Company, Southeastern Natural Gas Company hearing held on 02/24/16 electronically filed by Mr. Ken Spencer on behalf of Armstrong & Okey, Inc. and Gibson, Karen Sue Mrs.