

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: :
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 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: :
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 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: :
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 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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1 Wednesday Morning Session,
2 February 24, 2016.

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4 EXAMINER JENNINGS: The Public Utilities
5 Commission of Ohio has scheduled for a hearing cases
6 in the Matter of the Regulation of the Purchased Gas
7 Adjustment Clauses Contained Within the Schedules of
8 Eastern Natural Gas Company, Pike Natural Gas
9 Company, Southeastern Natural Gas Company. The Case
10 Numbers are respectively 15-207-GA-GCR,
11 15-214-GA-GCR, and 15-215-GA-GCR.

12 This hearing also addresses the
13 Uncollectible Expense Riders of Eastern Natural Gas
14 Company, Pike -- and Pike Natural Gas Company. Their
15 respective Case Numbers are 15-307-GA-UEX, and
16 15-314-GA-UEX.

17 And, finally, the hearing addresses the
18 Percentage of Income Payment Plan Riders of Eastern
19 Natural Gas Company, Pike Natural Gas Company, and
20 Southeastern Natural Gas Company, Case Nos.
21 15-407-GA-PIP, 15-414-GA-PIP, and 15-415-GA-PIP.

22 My name is Doug Jennings. I am an
23 Attorney Examiner. I have been assigned to preside
24 over this hearing. At this point I would request
25 that the parties enter an appearance on the record.

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

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

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

10 If there is nothing further, this hearing
11 is adjourned.

12 (Thereupon, at 10:21 a.m., the hearing
13 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.

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.