

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF OHIO,
INC. FOR APPROVAL OF AN ADJUSTMENT
TO ITS ENERGY EFFICIENCY FUNDING
RIDER RATE TO REFLECT THE COSTS
INCURRED IN 2015.

CASE NO. 16-839-GA-RDR

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on May 25, 2016

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} In this case, the Commission approves the application of Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. to adjust its energy efficiency funding rider.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. (VEDO) is a natural gas company as defined in R.C. 4905.03 and a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02 and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 3} By Opinion and Order issued January 7, 2009, in *In re Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc.*, Case No. 07-1080-GA-AIR, et al. (*VEDO Rate Case*), the Commission approved a stipulation, which, among other things, provided: for the creation of an energy efficiency funding rider (EEFR) that would be used to fund the energy efficiency programs provided by VEDO; that VEDO would submit an application to establish an EEFR charge to provide a minimum of \$1 million to be utilized to continue funding for VEDO's existing low-income weatherization program; that the EEFR charge would be calculated based on funding approved by VEDO's Demand-Side Management (DSM) Collaborative to be expended over the subsequent 12-month period, with any variation between actual recoveries and intended recoveries being included in a subsequent period; and that any application to establish or adjust the EEFR charge would be considered an application not for an increase in rates.

{¶ 4} The current EEFR rate of \$0.00204 per hundred cubic feet (Ccf) was approved in *In re Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc.*, Case No. 15-735-GA-RDR, Finding and Order (May 28, 2015).

{¶ 5} On April 15, 2016, as amended April 18, 2016, VEDO filed an application requesting an adjustment to its current EEFR rate, in accordance with the process approved in the *VEDO Rate Case*. Specifically, VEDO proposes to increase its EEFR rate to \$0.00394 per Ccf, as shown below.

Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Proposed Increase
\$0.00204 per Ccf	\$0.00394 per Ccf	\$0.00190 per Ccf

According to VEDO, this proposed rate reconciles actual EEFR recoveries and intended recoveries. VEDO explains that, in accordance with the stipulation in the *VEDO Rate Case*, on December 2, 2015, VEDO's DSM Collaborative met to consider the portfolio of DSM programs and funding levels as proposed in VEDO's 2016 DSM Operating Plan, and the collaborative approved VEDO's proposal to continue the EEFR.

{¶ 6} On May 2, 2016, Staff filed comments on VEDO's proposed EEFR adjustment. Staff states that VEDO appropriately calculated the rider; therefore, Staff recommends the proposed EEFR rate of \$0.00394 per Ccf be approved.

{¶ 7} The Commission has reviewed the amended application, as well as Staff's comments, and finds that VEDO's amended application to adjust its EEFR rate to \$0.00394 per Ccf is reasonable, is in the public interest, and should be approved. Accordingly, the Commission finds that VEDO should be authorized to include the revised EEFR rate in its tariff, which contains the terms, conditions, and rates VEDO applies to the gas service it provides to customers.

III. ORDER

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That VEDO's amended application to adjust its EEFR to \$0.00394 per Ccf is approved. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That VEDO is authorized to file tariffs, in final form, consistent with this Finding and Order. VEDO shall file one copy in this case docket and one copy in its TRF docket. It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That the effective date of the new tariffs shall be a date not earlier than the date upon which the final tariff pages are filed with the Commission. It is, further,

{¶ 12} ORDERED, That nothing in this Finding and Order shall be binding upon this Commission in any future proceeding or investigation involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule, or regulation. It is, further,

{¶ 13} ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties of record.

Commissioners Voting: Asim Z. Haque, Chairman; Lynn Slaby; M. Beth Trombold; Thomas W. Johnson.

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