

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of The East	)	
Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East	)	Case No. 15-1712-GA-AAM
Ohio for Approval to Change Accounting	)	
Methods	)	

**DIRECT TESTIMONY OF VICKI H. FRISCIC  
ON BEHALF OF  
THE EAST OHIO GAS COMPANY D/B/A DOMINION EAST OHIO**

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1     **I.     INTRODUCTION**

2     **Q1.     Please introduce yourself.**

3     A.     My name is Vicki H. Friscic. I am employed by The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a  
4             Dominion East Ohio (DEO) as Director Regulatory & Pricing. My business address is  
5             1201 East 55th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44103-1028.

6     **Q2.     Please describe your educational background and work experience.**

7     A.     I graduated from Ohio University in 1980 with a Bachelor of Business Administration  
8             degree with a major in Accounting. In 1980, I joined the accounting firm Price  
9             Waterhouse as an auditor, became a licensed CPA in 1982, and was promoted to Audit  
10            Manager in 1986. From 1987 to 1989, I worked for Progressive Insurance and held  
11            various managerial accounting positions for Progressive's Financial Services Group. In  
12            1989, I was employed by Pepsi-Cola as Manager, Financial Services for its Northeast  
13            Ohio franchise. From 1993 to 1997, I worked as a CPA for a local firm providing  
14            accounting, business consulting, and tax services to small businesses. I was hired by The  
15            East Ohio Gas Company (now DEO) in December 1997 as Manager, Tax and  
16            Accounting Services. In 2001, I joined DEO's Pricing and Regulatory Affairs  
17            department. I am currently a member of the Ohio Society of CPAs.

18    **Q3.     What are your job responsibilities as Director Regulatory & Pricing?**

19    A.     My present duties include oversight of DEO's regulatory affairs. In overseeing DEO's  
20            regulatory affairs, I am responsible for its regulatory filings before the Public Utilities  
21            Commission of Ohio (Commission). I also act as DEO's principal liaison with the Staff  
22            of the Commission and with other regulatory process stakeholders. In order to represent  
23            DEO effectively in that role, I interact with all levels of management across a variety of

functional areas to understand the commercial, operational, and administrative issues facing the Company.

**Q4. In your capacity as Director Regulatory & Pricing, are you generally familiar with DEO's books and records?**

A. Yes. I am responsible to prepare and make a variety of regulatory filings that include financial information derived from DEO's financial records, including the general ledger, annual reports, income statements, and balance sheets.

**Q5. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

A. My testimony supports the Stipulation filed on September 9, 2016, and addresses facts relevant to its compliance with the Commission's standards for stipulations.

## **II. THE STIPULATION**

**Q6. Please briefly summarize the Stipulation.**

A. The Stipulation recommends that the Commission approve the implementation of DEO's Pipeline Safety Management Program (PSMP) and the deferral of PSMP costs as described in the Company's Application, subject to certain provisions outlined in the Stipulation.

**Q7. Is the Stipulation a product of serious bargaining among knowledgeable parties?**

A. Yes. The Stipulation is the result of a serious and open review process, in which the parties were represented by able, experienced counsel and had access to technical experts. The Stipulation is the outcome of a lengthy process of investigation, discovery, discussion, and negotiation. As a result of these negotiations, DEO accepted several modifications and additional provisions to its original application. In short, the Stipulation represents a comprehensive, reasonable resolution of the issues in this case by informed parties with diverse interests.

1   **Q8.   Does the Stipulation benefit ratepayers and is it in the public interest?**

2   A.   Yes. The Stipulation will enable funding and continued implementation of the important  
3       safety, public-education, and system-awareness initiatives described in the Application.  
4       The PSMP is an important component of the Company's plans to continue to provide safe  
5       and reliable service to its customers. The structure of the program ensures that Staff will  
6       have ample, continuing opportunities to review and recommend modifications to the  
7       program as needed. Finally, no funding will be recovered from customers until the  
8       expenses have been reviewed and approved by the Commission.

9   **Q9.   Does the Stipulation violate any important regulatory principle or practice?**

10  A.   No. In light of the foregoing, I do not believe that the Stipulation violates any important  
11       regulatory principle or practice.

12  **Q10.  What is your recommendation to the Commission?**

13  A.   I recommend that the Commission approve the Stipulation. The Stipulation represents a  
14       fair, balanced, and reasonable compromise of diverse interests and provides a fair result  
15       for customers, thereby meeting the Commission's criteria for adopting settlements.

16  **III.   CONCLUSION**

17  **Q11.  Does this conclude your testimony?**

18  A.   Yes.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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