

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
THE EAST OHIO GAS COMPANY D/B/A
DOMINION EAST OHIO FOR APPROVAL
OF TARIFFS TO ADJUST ITS AUTOMATED
METER READING COST RECOVERY
CHARGE TO RECOVER COSTS INCURRED
IN 2016.

CASE No. 16-2206-GA-RDR

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on March 1, 2017

{¶ 1} By Opinion and Order issued October 15, 2008, in *In re The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio*, Case No. 07-829-GA-AIR, et al., the Commission approved a stipulation that, inter alia, provided that the accumulation by The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio (DEO) of costs for the installation of automated meter reading (AMR) technology may be recovered through a separate charge (AMR cost recovery charge). The Order contemplated periodic filings of applications and adjustments of the rate under the AMR cost recovery charge. By Finding and Order issued April 20, 2016, in *In re The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio*, Case No. 15-1986-GA-RDR, the Commission approved DEO's current AMR cost recovery charge, thereby allowing DEO to recover costs incurred during 2015.

{¶ 2} On November 29, 2016, DEO filed a prefiling notice of an application supporting a rate adjustment for the AMR cost recovery charge to recover costs incurred during 2016. Subsequently, on February 28, 2017, DEO filed its application in the instant case.

{¶ 3} In order to accomplish the review of DEO's proposed adjustment to the AMR cost recovery charge, the attorney examiner finds that the following procedural schedule should be established:

- (a) March 24, 2017 - Deadline for the filing of motions to intervene.

- (b) March 24, 2017 – Deadline for Staff and intervenors to file comments on the application.
- (c) March 30, 2017 – Deadline for DEO to file a statement informing the Commission whether the issues raised in the comments have been resolved.
- (d) March 31, 2017 – Deadline for the parties and Staff to file expert testimony.
- (e) In the event that some or all of the parties enter into a stipulation resolving some or all of the issues in this case, the parties must file such stipulation with the Commission by 9:00 a.m. on April 4, 2017.
- (f) In the event that all of the issues are not resolved or the parties enter into a stipulation, a hearing shall commence on April 5, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Any party requesting a continuance of the hearing must file a motion to continue the hearing with the Commission by 9:00 a.m. on April 4, 2017.

{¶ 4} In light of the time frame for this proceeding, the attorney examiner requires that, in the event that any motion is made in this proceeding, any memorandum contra shall be filed within three business days after the service of such motion, and a reply memorandum to any memorandum contra will not be accepted. Parties shall provide service of pleadings via hand delivery, facsimile, or e-mail.

{¶ 5} In addition, the attorney examiner finds that the response time for discovery shall be shortened to seven calendar days. Unless otherwise agreed to by

the parties, discovery requests and replies shall be served by hand delivery, facsimile, or e-mail. An attorney serving a discovery request shall attempt to contact the attorney upon whom the discovery request will be served in advance to advise him/her that a request will be forthcoming.

{¶ 6} It is, therefore,

{¶ 7} ORDERED, That the procedural schedule set forth in Paragraph 3 be adopted. It is, further,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That the parties adhere to the processes established in Paragraphs 4 and 5. It is, further,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon each party of record.

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/s/Kerry K. Sheets

By: Kerry K. Sheets
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry setting forth procedural schedule; electronically filed by Vesta R Miller on behalf of Kerry K. Sheets, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio