THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE EAST OHIO GAS COMPANY D/B/A DOMINION ENERGY OHIO FOR APPROVAL OF CHANGES IN RULES AND REGULATIONS.

CASE NO. 17-1459-GA-ATA

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on August 16, 2017

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the application of The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio to reinsert certain tariff provisions in its General Terms and Conditions of Energy Choice Pooling Service.

II. DISCUSSION

- {¶ 2} The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio (DEO or the Company) 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 and supervision of this Commission.
- {¶ 3} R.C. 4909.18 provides, in part, that a public utility may file an application to establish any rate, charge, regulation, or practice. If the Commission determines that the application is not for an increase in any rate and does not appear to be unjust or unreasonable, the Commission may approve the application without the need for a hearing.
- {¶ 4} On June 27, 2017, DEO filed, pursuant to R.C. 4909.18, an application to amend its tariffs, in order to reinsert certain provisions of its General Terms and Conditions of Energy Choice Pooling Service (ECPS) that were previously approved by the Commission but were inadvertently omitted during a subsequent compliance tariff filing. Specifically, DEO explains that, in Case No. 07-829-GA-AIR, et al., the Company filed compliance tariffs following the Commission's approval of a stipulation and recommendation on October 15, 2008. *In re The East Ohio Gas Co. d/b/a Dominion East Ohio*, Case No. 07-829-GA-AIR, et al., Opinion and Order

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(Oct. 15, 2008). DEO further explains that, due to an inadvertent omission, these compliance tariffs, which were filed on October 16, 2008, did not reflect changes to the ECPS tariffs that were previously approved by the Commission in Case No. 07-1224-GA-EXM and filed by the Company in that case on July 18, 2008. *In re The East Ohio Gas Co. d/b/a Dominion East Ohio*, Case No. 07-1224-GA-EXM, Opinion and Order (June 18, 2008). DEO notes that, although the error did not come to its attention until recently, the Company has implemented the ECPS tariff provisions, which relate to the assignment and release of capacity to Choice suppliers, since July 2008, while the provisions have also been reflected in the Company's annual Energy Choice supplier presentations. DEO concludes that these tariff provisions address important issues necessary to ensure the continued success of standard choice offer service and, therefore, the Company requests approval to correct the filing error and reinsert the provisions in its ECPS tariffs. DEO adds that, other than the correction of a minor clerical error, it seeks no changes in the tariff language originally approved by the Commission.

- {¶ 5} On July 27, 2017, Staff filed its review and recommendations in response to DEO's application. Following its review, Staff indicates that the ECPS tariffs submitted with DEO's application in the present case are consistent with those previously approved by the Commission in Case No. 07-1224-GA-EXM. Staff concludes that DEO's application is reasonable and should be approved.
- {¶ 6} The Commission finds that DEO's application to amend its tariffs does not appear to be unjust or unreasonable and that it should be approved. The Commission notes that, other than Staff's review and recommendations, no comments or motions to intervene were filed in response to the application. Finally, consistent with R.C. 4909.18, the Commission finds that no hearing is required in this case.

III. ORDER

- $\{\P 7\}$ It is, therefore,
- {¶8} ORDERED, That DEO's application to amend its tariffs be approved. It is, further,

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

{¶ 10} 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,

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

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