THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF OHIO GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A REASONABLE ARRANGEMENT FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF NATURAL GAS.

CASE NO. 17-1709-GA-AEC

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on August 30, 2017

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the amended application of Ohio Gas Company for a reasonable arrangement for the transportation of natural gas to the facilities of Gerald Grain Center - Delta.

II. DISCUSSION

- {¶ 2} Ohio Gas Company (Ohio Gas) 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} R.C. 4905.31 authorizes the Commission to approve schedules or reasonable arrangements between a public utility and one or more of its customers. The statute provides that every such schedule or reasonable arrangement shall be under the supervision and regulation of the Commission, and is subject to change, alteration, or modification by the Commission.
- {¶ 4} On July 31, 2017, Ohio Gas filed an application, pursuant to R.C. 4905.31, seeking approval of a reasonable arrangement for interruptible gas transportation service to facilities owned and operated by Gerald Grain Center Delta. On August 7, 2017, Ohio Gas filed a motion, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-06, seeking approval to amend its application and to substitute a revised reasonable arrangement. Ohio Gas notes that

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the reasonable arrangement was revised in response to recommendations from Staff. The Commission finds that the motion is reasonable and should be granted.

- {¶ 5} On August 9, 2017, Staff filed its review and recommendations in response to the amended application filed by Ohio Gas. In its review and recommendations, Staff notes that the reasonable arrangement includes a customer charge, declining block transportation rates, record-keeping charge, uncounted-for-gas rate, balancing fees, and imbalance provisions. Staff further notes that the reasonable arrangement includes an initial term of one year, continuing thereafter as a month-to-month agreement, subject to a 30-day cancellation notice by either party. Staff concludes that, as amended, the application is reasonable and should be approved.
- {¶ 6} Upon review of the amended application filed by Ohio Gas, as well as Staff's review and recommendations, the Commission finds that the application, as amended, does not appear to be unjust or unreasonable and should, therefore, be approved. Accordingly, we find that the reasonable arrangement between Ohio Gas and Gerald Grain Center Delta should be approved pursuant to R.C. 4905.31.

III. ORDER

- **[¶ 7]** It is, therefore,
- {¶ 8} ORDERED, That the motion filed by Ohio Gas on August 7, 2017, to amend its application be granted. It is, further,
- {¶ 9} ORDERED, That the application of Ohio Gas, as amended on August 7, 2017, be approved. It is, further,
- {¶ 10} 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,

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

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