

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Eastern Natural Gas Company, for Approval)	Case No. 08-940-GA-ALT
of an Alternative Rate Plan Proposing a)	
Revenue Decoupling Mechanism)	

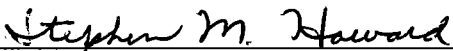
In the Matter of the Application of)	
Pike Natural Gas Company, for Approval)	Case No. 08-941-GA-ALT
of an Alternative Rate Plan Proposing a)	
Revenue Decoupling Mechanism)	

MOTION TO INDEFINITELY SUSPEND INITIAL AND REPLY COMMENTS

Eastern Natural Gas Company ("Eastern") and Pike Natural Gas Company ("Pike") respectfully move to indefinitely suspend the comments that were scheduled to be filed on September 15 and 29, 2017. Counsel for the Staff and the Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy have been contacted regarding this motion and do not object. Good cause exists for this Motion as set forth in the accompanying Memorandum in Support.

WHEREFORE, Eastern and Pike move that the Commission indefinitely suspend the comments that were previously directed to be filed on September 15 and 29, 2017 in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

By entry of July 26, 2017, the Commission granted the Motion filed by Eastern Natural Gas Company and Pike Natural Gas Company on May 31, 2017, and suspended the collection of the demand-side management rider rates, until the Commission specifically orders otherwise.

In the interim, the Commission directed that the Companies, Staff and OPAE should meet to discuss and evaluate the Companies' DSM weatherization programs. The Companies, Staff and OPAE recently met and are attempting to achieve a consensus on the direction that the Eastern and Pike DSM programs should take.

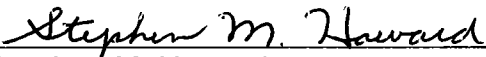
The Commission also directed that initial comments and reply comments be made on September 15 and 29, 2017, evaluating the Companies' DSM programs, including recommendations to revise or discontinue the DSM programs or initiate other energy efficiency or conservation programs.

Because the parties have met, have engaged in informative discussions and are attempting to reach a consensus on the direction these programs should take, there is no need for the filing of direct and reply comments at this time. The Companies assure

the Commission that they will continue to work with OPAE and the Staff in an attempt to address the direction of such programs. Eastern and Pike will keep the Commission informed. Neither the Staff nor the OPAE object to this motion. Good cause exists for granting the indefinite suspension of such comments.

WHEREFORE, Eastern and Pike move that the Commission suspend indefinitely the initial and reply comments that were scheduled to be filed on September 15 and 29, 2017 in this matter.

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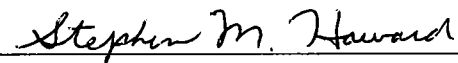


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Under the PUCO's electronic filing system, a copy of this motion will be sent to all parties of record. The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and accurate courtesy copy of the foregoing Motion for Suspension of the Collection of the DSM Riders was served upon the following parties of record this 14th day of September, 2017, via electronic mail.



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Summary: Motion to Indefinitely Suspend Initial and Reply Comments electronically filed by Mr. Stephen M Howard on behalf of Eastern Natural Gas Company and Pike Natural Gas Company