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Ms. Barcy F. McNeal, Secretary Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 E. Broad St., 11th Floor Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Re:

Case No. 08-940-GA-ALT (Eastern Natural Gas Company)

Case No. 08-941-GA-ALT (Pike Natural Gas Company)

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Pursuant to the Attorney Examiner's direction, I am filing this letter to provide a status report of negotiations to reach a consensus for the Commission's consideration in these matters. While the OPAE has provided a proposal to the Staff and the applicants for consideration, new facts have recently arisen which have added complexity to the issue. The undersigned will be working on continuing negotiations to reach a consensus but those negotiations may not be completed until sometime in 2018.

We will keep the Commission informed and appreciate the Commission and the Parties' patience.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen M. 7-favord

Attorney for Eastern Natural Gas Company and

Pike Natural Gas Company

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Summary: Correspondence Correspondence providing status report of negotiations electronically filed by Mr. Stephen M Howard on behalf of Eastern Natural Gas Company and Pike Natural Gas Company