

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Regulation of the	:	
Purchased Gas Adjustment Clauses	:	
Contained Within the Rate Schedules of:	:	
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Eastern Natural Gas Company	:	Case No. 17-207-GA-GCR
Pike Natural Gas Company	:	Case No. 17-214-GA-GCR
And Related Matters.	:	
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In The Matter Of The Uncollectible Expense	:	
Riders Of:	:	
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Eastern Natural Gas Company Pike	:	Case No. 17-307-GA-UEX
Natural Gas Company And Related	:	Case No. 17-314-GA-UEX
Matters.	:	
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In The Matter Of The Percentage Of Income	:	
Payment Plan Riders Of:	:	
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Eastern Natural Gas Company Pike	:	Case No. 17-407-GA-PIP
Natural Gas Company And Related	:	Case No. 17-414-GA-PIP
Matters.	:	

JOINT MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE OF HEARING

Pursuant to Rule 4901-1-13 of the Ohio Administrative Code, Eastern Natural Gas Company and Pike Natural Gas Company (the “Movants”) respectfully request a continuance of their respective hearings in these matters, both currently scheduled for February 22, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of the Commission. As set forth in the accompanying Memorandum in Support, good cause exists for this Motion which is sought on an expedited basis. Counsel for Staff has been contacted and does not object to this Motion being granted on an expedited basis.

WHEREFORE, the Movants respectfully request that the hearings be continued until

March 28, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., or in the alternative, March 29th or March 30, 2018, and that testimony be required to be filed, if necessary, 16 days prior to the hearing date by Movants and 7 days prior to the hearing date by any other party.

Respectfully submitted,

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JOINT MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

Pursuant to an entry dated December 21, 2017, hearings in the above-captioned matters have been scheduled for February 22, 2018. The entry also directed both Eastern Natural Gas Company and Pike Natural Gas Company (the “Movants”) to issue notice of the hearing between 15 and 30 days prior to the hearing date. An entry dated February 1, 2017 directed that testimony of any witness on behalf of the Movants be filed at least 16 days prior to the GCR hearing and direct testimony by any other party be filed at least seven days prior to the GCR hearing.

Since the issuance of Staff’s reports in these matters, both Eastern Natural Gas Company and Pike Natural Gas Company have been in discussions with the Commission’s Staff regarding resolution of the issues. The Movants believe that these discussions, if allowed to continue, will result in stipulations being entered into which will resolve all issues in these proceedings. More time, however, is required to complete these discussions

To provide this time, Movants are requesting that the hearings set for February 22, 2018 be continued to March 28th or in the alternative March 29th or March 30th. This continuance will not prejudice any party to the proceeding as there are no intervenors in this proceeding.

Importantly, Staff does not oppose the continuance.

To support this hearing request, both Eastern Natural Gas Company and Pike Natural Gas Company will provide notice to customers as required in the December 21, 2017 entry and in the form required under the February 1, 2017 entry. Eastern Natural Gas Company previously provided such notice in a timely manner through a bill insert. Pike Natural Gas Company, however, through inadvertent oversight failed to include a notice in its February bills to

customers. To rectify that oversight and ensure customers are aware of the new hearing date, the Movants will both issue notice to customers in compliance with the form of notice in the February 1, 2017 entry. The Movants will issue the notices between 15 and 30 days of the rescheduled hearing date.

Accordingly, the Movants respectfully request that the hearing scheduled for February 22, 2018 be continued to March 28, 2018 or in the alternative, March 29 or March 30, 2018, and that testimony be allowed to be filed, if necessary, 16 days prior to the hearing date by the Movants and 7 days prior to the hearing date for any other party. As noted above, Staff does not oppose this motion or its issuance on an expedited basis.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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