## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the Application of The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio for Approval of Tariffs to Adjust its Automated Meter Reading Cost Recovery Charge and Related Matters.

Case No. 17-2178-GA-RDR

## THE EAST OHIO GAS COMPANY D/B/A DOMINION ENERGY OHIO'S STATEMENT INFORMING THE COMMISSION WHETHER THE ISSUES RAISED IN COMMENTS HAVE BEEN RESOLVED

In accordance with the Commission's March 6, 2018 Entry, The East Ohio Gas Company

d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio (DEO) hereby informs the Commission whether the issues raised

in the comments have been resolved.

Staff filed Comments on March 23, 2018, recommending approval of DEO's application

as filed, subject to the following recommendations:

- "that the Commission accept DEO's proposed AMR Cost Recovery Charge rates as proposed in its Application, subject to potential reconciliation, adjustments, or refunds next year," based on recommendations arising from "Staff's ongoing investigation and/or Commission findings and directives in the 18-0047-AU-COI case";
- "that, in its Opinion and Order in this case, the Commission expressly notify DEO that next year's AMR Cost Recovery Charge rate may be adjusted to reflect any reconciliation or refunds resulting from ongoing investigations of the impacts of the federal income tax rate reduction"; and
- "that the Commission direct DEO to note in its tariffs that the AMR Cost Recovery Charge is subject to reconciliation and potential refunds as determined by the Commission."

(*Id.* at 6.) No other party intervened or filed comments in this case.

DEO does not object to Staff's recommendations. DEO has discussed with Staff, and it

would agree to the following tariff language in its AMR Tariff, which is also acceptable to Staff:

This Rider is subject to reconciliation or adjustment, including, but not limited to, increases or refunds. Such reconciliation or adjustment shall be limited to: (1) the

twelve-month period of expenditures upon which the rates were calculated, if determined to be unlawful, unreasonable, or imprudent by the Commission in the docket in which those rates were approved or by the Supreme Court of Ohio; and (2) those implementing the Commission's orders in Case No. 18-47-AU-COI or in any other case ordered by the Commission to address the impacts of federal income tax reform.

DEO would clarify that it reserves the right to propose revisions to this or any other tariff language in future proceedings, subject to Commission approval.

Given that Staff, the only party to file comments, recommended approval of the AMR Cost Recovery Charge application, and given that DEO has accepted Staff's recommendations, DEO believes that a hearing in this case is unnecessary. *See* Entry ¶ (3)(f) (Mar. 6, 2018) ("*In the event* that all of the issues are not resolved or the parties enter into a stipulation, a hearing shall commence . . . .") (emphasis added). Therefore, DEO respectfully requests that the Commission approve both its February 28, 2018 Application as filed and the proposed tariff language described above.

Dated: March 29, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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