

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE REGULATION OF  
THE PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT  
CLAUSE, UNCOLLECTIBLE EXPENSE  
RIDER, OR PERCENTAGE OF INCOME  
PAYMENT PLAN RIDER OF:

FORAKER GAS COMPANY,  
EASTERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY,  
GLENWOOD ENERGY OF OXFORD, INC.,  
PIKE NATURAL GAS COMPANY,  
WATERVILLE GAS AND OIL COMPANY,

CASE No. 18-204-GA-GCR  
CASE No. 18-207-GA-GCR  
CASE No. 18-210-GA-GCR  
CASE No. 18-214-GA-GCR  
CASE No. 18-217-GA-GCR

EASTERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY,  
PIKE NATURAL GAS COMPANY,  
WATERVILLE GAS AND OIL COMPANY,

CASE No. 18-307-GA-UEX  
CASE No. 18-314-GA-UEX  
CASE No. 18-317-GA-UEX

EASTERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY,  
PIKE NATURAL GAS COMPANY,

CASE No. 18-407-GA-PIP  
CASE No. 18-414-GA-PIP

AND RELATED MATTERS.

### ENTRY

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#### I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission closes gas cost recovery, uncollectible expense, and percentage of income payment plan cases in which there were no audits in 2018.

#### II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Foraker Gas Company (Foraker), Eastern Natural Gas Company (Eastern), Glenwood Energy of Oxford, Inc. (Glenwood), Pike Natural Gas Company (Pike), and Waterville Gas and Oil Company (Waterville) are natural gas companies as defined in R.C. 4905.03 and public utilities under R.C. 4905.02 and, as such, are subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

{¶ 3} Initially, the Commission notes that, for purposes of administrative efficiency, the above-captioned cases have been consolidated into one Entry.

{¶ 4} R.C. 4905.302(C), Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-14-07, and Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-14-08 require that the Commission periodically conduct audits and hold hearings related to the gas cost recovery (GCR) rates utilized by the regulated natural gas companies. Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-14-07(A) provides that, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, the GCR audits shall be conducted annually. For gas companies with less than 15,000 customers, the Commission conducts GCR audits every two years.

{¶ 5} Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-14-04 requires natural gas companies to file quarterly GCR reports with the Commission and permits companies to revise the expected gas cost component of the GCR report on a monthly basis.

{¶ 6} In January 2018, the Commission opened GCR dockets in Case Nos. 18-204-GA-GCR, 18-207-GA-GCR, 18-210-GA-GCR, 18-214-GA-GCR, and 18-217-GA-GCR for Foraker, Eastern, Glenwood, Pike, and Waterville, respectively. While the Commission did not audit those companies' GCR mechanisms in 2018, these dockets were initiated in order to receive the involved companies' quarterly and monthly GCR reports, detailing adjustments made for purchasing gas to the costs recovered from customers.

{¶ 7} The Commission finds that the sole purpose of the cases listed in Paragraph 6 was for the filing of the involved companies' 2018 GCR reports. Therefore, at this time, we find that the cases listed in Paragraph 6 should be closed of record and the audits for those companies' 2018 GCR mechanisms should be conducted in subsequent cases during 2019.

{¶ 8} R.C. 4929.11 authorizes the Commission to allow any automatic adjustment mechanism or device in a natural gas company's rate schedules that allows a company's rates or charges for a regulated service or goods to fluctuate automatically with changes in the specified cost or costs.

{¶ 9} Consistent with R.C. 4929.11, the Commission authorized the recovery of uncollectible expenses (UEX) for Eastern, Pike, and Waterville through riders. In approving the UEX riders for Eastern, Pike, and Waterville, the Commission required that the riders be audited in the course of the GCR audits of Eastern, Pike, and Waterville.

{¶ 10} As noted above, the Commission did not initiate audits concerning the GCR rates for Eastern, Pike, and Waterville. Consequently, the UEX riders for Eastern, Pike, and Waterville also were not audited during 2018 and, therefore, Case Nos. 18-307-GA-UEX, 18-314-GA-UEX, and 18-317-GA-UEX do not need to remain open and they should be closed of record. Audits for these companies' UEX riders should be conducted in subsequent cases during 2019, in sequence with their 2019 GCR audits.

{¶ 11} The Commission also authorized the recovery of Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) arrearages associated with providing natural gas service through a PIPP rider. *In re Recovery Method for Percentage of Income Payment Plan Arrearages*, Case No. 87-244-GE-UNC, Finding and Order (Aug. 4, 1987). These riders are to be audited in the course of the GCR audits.

{¶ 12} The Commission did not initiate an audit concerning the PIPP rider for Eastern and Pike. Therefore, Case Nos. 18-407-GA-PIP and 18-414-GA-PIP do not need to remain open and should be closed of record. Audits for these companies' PIPP riders should be conducted in subsequent cases during 2019, in sequence with their 2019 GCR audits.

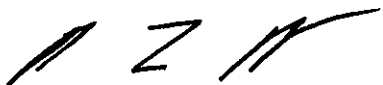
### III. ORDER

{¶ 13} It is, therefore,

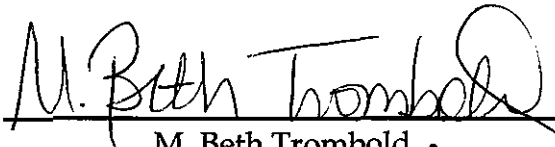
{¶ 14} ORDERED, That Case Nos. 18-204-GA-GCR, 18-207-GA-GCR, 18-210-GA-GCR, 18-214-GA-GCR, 18-217-GA-GCR, 18-307-GA-UEX, 18-314-GA-UEX, 18-317-GA-UEX, 18-407-GA-PIP, and 18-414-GA-PIP be closed as a matter of record. It is, further,

{¶ 15} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record in these cases.

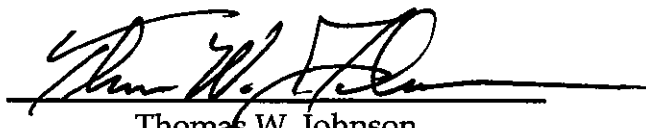
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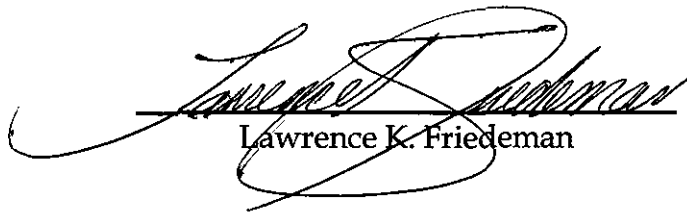
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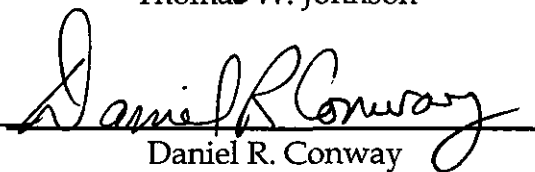
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