THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF OHIO, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF A REVISION TO ITS UNACCOUNTED FOR GAS PERCENTAGE IN TARIFF SHEET NO. 54.

CASE NO. 19-230-GA-ATA

FINDING AND ORDER

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I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the application of Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. to revise the unaccounted for gas percentage in its tariff.

II. DISCUSSION

- {¶ 2} Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. (VEDO) is a natural gas company as defined in R.C. 4905.03 and a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- {¶ 3} R.C. 4909.18 provides, in part, that a public utility may file an application to establish any rate, charge, regulation, or practice. If the Commission determines that the application is not for an increase in any rate and does not appear to be unjust or unreasonable, the Commission may approve the application without the need for a hearing.
- {¶ 4} On January 31, 2019, VEDO filed an application in this case docket seeking approval to revise the unaccounted for gas (UFG) percentage shown on VEDO's Tariff Sheet No. 54. The UFG percentage reflects the difference between the amount of gas brought into VEDO's distribution system and the amount of gas measured at customers' meters. Natural gas marketers supplying gas into VEDO's system must supply their customers' estimated usage, plus an additional amount to reflect the UFG percentage.
- {¶ 5} VEDO's Tariff Sheet No. 54 states that the UFG percentage "shall be adjusted periodically by Company, through updating of this Sheet No. 54 after approval by the Commission, to reflect any changes in the system unaccounted for percentage." VEDO's

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application seeks approval to change the UFG percentage from its current 1.6 percent to 1.2 percent. This adjustment is based on VEDO's weighted average UFG percentage over the four-year period from September 2014 through August 2018. A worksheet demonstrating this calculation was attached to the application.

- {¶ 6} Staff filed its review and recommendation on February 26, 2019. Staff has reviewed the attachments VEDO included with the application and believes that VEDO's calculation of the UFG percentage is appropriate. Staff proposes no further adjustments to VEDO's calculations and, accordingly, recommends that the Commission approve a UFG of 1.2 percent.
- {¶ 7} Upon review of VEDO's application and the record in this proceeding, the Commission adopts Staff's recommendations. We find the application does not appear to be unjust or unreasonable. Therefore, VEDO's application should be approved. Finally, consistent with R.C. 4909.18, the Commission finds that no hearing is required in this case.

III. ORDER

- $\{\P 8\}$ It is, therefore,
- {¶ 9} ORDERED, That VEDO's application be approved, and VEDO is authorized to adjust its UFG percentage from 1.6 percent to 1.2 percent. It is, further,
- {¶ 10} ORDERED, That VEDO is authorized to file tariffs, in final form, consistent with this Finding and Order. VEDO shall file one copy in this case docket and one copy in its TRF docket. It is, further,
- {¶ 11} ORDERED, That the effective date of the new tariffs shall be a date not earlier than the date upon which the final tariff pages are filed with the Commission. It is, further,

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{¶ 12} ORDERED, That nothing in this Finding and Order shall be binding upon this Commission in any future proceeding or investigation involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule, or regulation. It is, further,

{¶ 13} ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties of record.

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