

August 28, 2019

Ms. Barcy F. McNeal
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: *The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio, Case No. 19-1639-GA-AAM*

Dear Ms. McNeal:

On October 23, 2013, the Commission approved Dominion Energy Ohio's (DEO) current depreciation rates. *See* Case No. 13-1988-GA-AAM. The rates were approved effective to the beginning of 2013, and DEO was authorized to apply the rates to investments made in 2013 and thereafter under its Automated Meter Reading (AMR), Pipeline Infrastructure Replacement (PIR), and Capital Expenditure (CEP) Programs. The Commission also directed DEO "to submit a new depreciation study for all gas plant accounts no later than September 1, 2019," for assets as of December 31, 2018. This timing was to coincide with the end of the existing ten-year amortization approved in DEO's last base rate case, in which the Commission approved a stipulation that granted DEO a 10-year amortization of a depreciation reserve over-accrued imbalance. *See* Case No. 07-829-GA-AIR.

DEO is filing this letter to inform the Commission that it has submitted to Staff a new depreciation study for all gas plant accounts as of December 31, 2018, which includes a calculation of the depreciation reserve imbalance as of the same date. DEO is in the process of conferring with Staff regarding this study and any Staff recommendations. Once DEO has had an opportunity to consider and address any Staff recommendations, DEO will file its application for approval of revised depreciation rates, effective January 1, 2019, and for authorization to amortize the depreciation reserve imbalance, beginning as of the same date, for financial accounting and reporting purposes. Such application will not propose or result in an increase in any current rate or charge for DEO's customers.

DEO believes that the process set forth above is in accordance with the intent of the Order in Case No. 13-1988-GA-AAM. If there are any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,

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Summary: Letter of Notification Correspondence re: submittal of new depreciation study electronically filed by Mr. Christopher T Kennedy on behalf of The East Ohio Gas Company d/ b/a Dominion Energy Ohio