

Commissioners

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Docketing Division
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
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RE: In the Matter of the Application of North Coast Gas Transmission LLC for Approval of an

Amendment to Agreement.

Dear Docketing:

Enclosed please find the Staff's Review and Recommendations regarding the application filed by North Coast Gas Transmission LLC for approval of an Amendment to Agreement, Case No. 19-2004-PL-AEC.

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**Enclosure** 

Cc: Parties of Record

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## North Coast Gas Transmission LLC Case No. 19-2004-PL-AEC

## **SUMMARY**

On August 23, 2004, North Coast Gas Transmission LLC (North Coast) and Orwell Natural Gas Company (Orwell) entered into a natural gas service agreement (Orwell Agreement) for interruptible delivery service. Since 2005, North Coast with the exception of 2007 and 2011 has annually applied to amend or extend the Orwell Agreement and the Commission has approved the amendment and/or extension. The latest amendment to the Orwell Agreement was approved in July 2019, in Case No. 18-1658-PL-AEC.

On October 31, 2019, North Coast filed its latest application in Case No. 19-2004-PL-AEC, to amend the Orwell Agreement between North Coast and Orwell<sup>1</sup> (now known as Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp). The duration of the amended agreement (Orwell Amendment) is from November 1, 2019, through March 31, 2020. The amendment includes, maximum monthly and daily quantities, a balancing rate, a monthly charge and other terms regarding provisions of the balancing service. All other terms and conditions of the Orwell Agreement remain unchanged.

Due to the proprietary nature of the Orwell Amendment, North Coast requests confidential treatment of the transportation rates and volumes. These portions of the Transportation Service Agreement (TSA) have been redacted from the public version.

## STAFF REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION

Staff reviewed the application filed in the above case and finds the amendment to the TSA to be reasonable and recommends to the Commission that the application be approved.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Orwell Natural Gas Company was merged into Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp in the Commission's January 3, 2019, Finding and Order in Case No. 18-1485-GA-ATA.