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RE: Demand Side Management Tariff Filing of the East Ohio Gas Co. d/b/a Dominion East Ohio, Case No. 19-1946-GA-RDR.

Enclosed please find the Staff's Comments regarding the Demand Side Management rider and program of East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio as filed in Case No. 19-1946-GA-RDR.

Respectfully submitted,

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## Dominion East Ohio Case No. 19-1946-GA-RDR

## **OVERVIEW**

In Case No. 07-829-GA-AIR, the Commission authorized Dominion East Ohio (DEO) to recover \$4.0 million annually in Demand-Side Management (DSM) expenditures, plus or minus any over-or-under recoveries, through a DSM rider. DEO's initial DSM rider rate was \$0.0279 per Mcf.

In Case No. 17-1372-GA-RDR, the Commission directed DEO to file by December 1 of each year, an application to adjust its DSM rider rate for the Commission's review and approval.

On November 18, 2019, DEO submitted an updated DSM rider tariff and related schedules that support a decrease in the rider rate from \$0.0287 per Mcf to \$0.0247 per Mcf. Subsequently, Staff initiated a review of DEO's DSM rider for the period October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2019, and presents its findings and recommendations in this Staff letter.

## STAFF REVIEW

Staff's review of DEO's DSM program consisted of an analysis of the incurred costs in order to evaluate prudency and appropriateness for recovery, as well as confirmations of the calculations to verify the accuracy of the revenue requirement calculation. Staff conducted this review through a combination of document reviews, interviews, and interrogatories as needed.

## CONCLUSION

Staff completed its review of DEO's DSM rider for the period October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2019, and believes DEO appropriately calculated the DSM rider rate and recommends its approval.