

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
THE EAST OHIO GAS COMPANY D/B/A
DOMINION ENERGY OHIO FOR
APPROVAL OF TARIFFS TO ADJUST ITS
AUTOMATED METER READING COST
RECOVERY CHARGE TO RECOVER COSTS
INCURRED IN 2019.

CASE NO. 19-1945-GA-RDR

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on March 6, 2020

{¶ 1} By Opinion and Order issued October 15, 2008, in *In re The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio*, Case No. 07-829-GA-AIR, et al., the Commission approved a stipulation that, inter alia, provided that the accumulation by The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio (DEO) of costs for the installation of automated meter reading (AMR) technology may be recovered through a separate charge (AMR cost recovery charge). The Order contemplated periodic filings of applications and adjustments of the rate under the AMR cost recovery charge. By Finding and Order issued April 24, 2019, in *In re The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio*, Case No. 18-1588-GA-RDR, the Commission approved DEO's current AMR cost recovery charge, thereby allowing DEO to recover costs incurred during 2018.

{¶ 2} On November 26, 2019, DEO filed a prefiling notice of an application supporting a rate adjustment for the AMR cost recovery charge to recover costs incurred during 2019. Subsequently, on February 26, 2020, DEO filed its application in the instant case.

{¶ 3} On December 19, 2019, the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) filed a motion to intervene pursuant to R.C. 4903.221. No memorandum contra was filed. Therefore, upon review of the motion, the attorney examiner finds that OCC's motion is reasonable and should be granted.

{¶ 4} In order to accomplish the review of DEO's proposed adjustment to the AMR cost recovery charge, the attorney examiner finds that the following procedural schedule should be established. For administrative efficiency, the procedural schedule for this case is being combined with the schedule for *In re The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a/ Dominion Energy Ohio to Adjust Its Pipeline Infrastructure Replacement Program Cost Recovery Charge and Related Matters*, Case No. 19-1944-GA-RDR:

- (a) March 23, 2020 – Deadline for the filing of motions to intervene.
- (b) March 23, 2020 – Deadline for Staff and intervenors to file comments on the application.
- (c) March 27, 2020 – Deadline for DEO to file a statement informing the Commission whether the issues raised in the comments have been resolved.
- (d) March 31, 2020 – Deadline for the parties and Staff to file expert testimony.
- (e) In the event that some or all of the parties enter into a stipulation resolving some or all of the issues in this case, the parties must file such stipulation with the Commission by 9:00 a.m. on April 2, 2020.
- (f) In the event that all of the issues are not resolved or the parties enter into a stipulation, a hearing shall commence on April 3, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Any party requesting a continuance of the hearing must file a motion to continue the hearing with the Commission by 9:00 a.m. on April 2, 2020.

{¶ 5} In light of the time frame for this proceeding, the attorney examiner requires that, in the event that any motion is made in this proceeding, any memorandum contra shall be filed within three business days after the service of such motion, and a reply memorandum to any memorandum contra will not be accepted. Parties shall provide service of pleadings via hand delivery, facsimile, or e-mail.

{¶ 6} In addition, the attorney examiner finds that the response time for discovery shall be shortened to seven calendar days. Unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, discovery requests and replies shall be served by hand delivery, facsimile, or e-mail. An attorney serving a discovery request shall attempt to contact the attorney upon whom the discovery request will be served in advance to advise him/her that a request will be forthcoming.

{¶ 7} It is, therefore,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That OCC's motion for intervention be granted. It is, further,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That the procedural schedule set forth in Paragraph 4 be adopted. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That the parties adhere to the processes established in Paragraphs 5 and 6. It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon each party of record.

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/s/Anna Sanyal

By: Anna Sanyal
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry providing directives and setting a procedural schedule: motions to intervene and comments due 3/23/20; reply comments due 3/27/20; expert testimony by 3/31/20; stipulation due 4/2/20; hearing set for 4/3/20 at 10:00 am. electronically filed by Ms. Mary E Fischer on behalf of Anna Sanyal, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission