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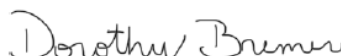
RE: *In the Matter of the Annual Report of the East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio for Approval of an Adjustment to its Infrastructure Development Rider, Case No. 20-519-GA-IDR.*

Dear Docketing Division:

Enclosed please find the Staff's Review and Recommendation in regard to East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio's application in Case No. 20-519-GA-IDR for approval of its economic development projects annual report and request to adjust its Infrastructure Development Rider.

Sincerely,

  
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Enclosure  
Cc: Parties of Record

**East Ohio Gas Company  
d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio  
Case No. 20-519-GA-IDR**

**BACKGROUND:**

By Finding and Order (Order) on January 24, 2018, in Case No. 17-1905-GA-ORD, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) adopted revised rules in accordance with Ohio Adm. Code 4901:1-43 concerning the recovery of infrastructure development costs for natural gas company infrastructure development to implement R.C. 4929.16 - 4929.167. These rules allow natural gas companies to file applications for an infrastructure development rider (IDR) to recover costs of certain economic development projects. The rules require natural gas companies to file an annual report with the Commission containing a detail of infrastructure development costs related to economic development projects, and to set forth the rider rate for the twelve months following the annual report. The annual report shall be filed not less than 75 days prior to the proposed effective date of the updated IDR, and the rider rate will become effective automatically on the 75<sup>th</sup> day after the filing of the annual report unless suspended by the Commission for good cause shown.

In Case Nos. 17-2514-GA-ATA and 17-2515-GA-IDR, East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio's (Dominion or Company) filed an application to adopt an infrastructure development rider (IDR) tariff. The Company proposed to incorporate a new rider known as Infrastructure Development Rider (IDR) into its tariff. By Finding and Order on May 2, 2018, the Commission approved Dominion's tariff.

On June 16, 2020, in Case No. 20-519-GA-IDR, Dominion filed its annual report in an application to adjust its infrastructure development rider (IDR) rate.

**SUMMARY OF APPLICATION:**

Dominion's Infrastructure Development Rider application proposes to change the IDR rate from the current \$0.00 per month to \$0.06 per month beginning with September 2020 billing. The computation of the IDR rate is based on infrastructure development costs incurred during the calendar year 2019 for Commission-approved economic development projects (EDP). According to the Company, the rate properly matches recoveries with expenses, is consistent with recovery methods proposed in Case Nos. 17-2514-GA-ATA and 17-2515-GA-IDR, does not result in over-collection of costs due to the annual true-up program requirements, and does not recover more than the annual caps for incurred infrastructure development costs from approved EDP. Dominion proposes an effective date of September 2020 billing for the rider, which is not less than 75 days after the filing of the annual report.

## **STAFF'S REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Staff has reviewed Dominion's annual report and rider adjustment in this case. Staff audited plant additions contained in the filing, reviewed invoices, and the general ledger. Staff also verified the calculation for the new rider rate. Staff received verification that the all IDR plant included in this filing is owned and operated by the Company. Staff also received verification that Dominion did not sell incremental volumes or receive incremental revenues for the line extension projects listed in the application.

Based on this review, in Staff's opinion, Dominion's annual report and rider adjustment are consistent with the Commission's rules governing the IDR annual report and rider adjustment process. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Commission accept Dominion's annual report in this case and approve the proposed increase to the Infrastructure Development Rider rate by operation of the automatic approval process established by the Ohio Adm. Code 4901:1-43-04(D).

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Summary: Staff Review and Recommendation in regard to East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio's application for approval of its economic development projects annual report and request to adjust its Infrastructure Development Rider electronically filed by Zee Molter on behalf of PUCO Staff