

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
THE EAST OHIO GAS COMPANY DBA
DOMINION ENERGY OHIO FOR
APPROVAL OF AN ALTERNATIVE FORM OF
REGULATION TO ESTABLISH A CAPITAL
EXPENDITURE PROGRAM RIDER
MECHANISM.

CASE NO. 19-468-GA-ALT

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on September 2, 2020

{¶ 1} The East Ohio Gas Company dba Dominion Energy Ohio (Dominion or Company) is a natural gas company and a public utility as defined by R.C. 4905.03 and R.C. 4905.02, respectively. As such, Dominion is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 2} On May 1, 2019, Dominion filed an alternative rate plan application with regard to its capital expenditure program (CEP), along with supporting exhibits and testimony, pursuant to R.C. 4909.18, 4929.05, 4929.11, and 4929.111.

{¶ 3} By Entry dated September 11, 2019, the Commission deemed Dominion's application filed as of August 23, 2019. Additionally, the Commission selected Blue Ridge Consulting Services, Inc. (Blue Ridge) to assist the Commission with the audit of Dominion's CEP and associated CEP costs and deferrals. Blue Ridge was directed to file a final audit report with the Commission by February 26, 2020. By Entry dated January 10, 2020, the attorney examiner granted Dominion's request for a 60-day extension, with the final audit report being due on April 27, 2020.

{¶ 4} On April 27, 2020, Blue Ridge filed its audit report. Further, on May 11, 2020, Staff filed its report of investigation pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-19-07(C).

{¶ 5} By Entry dated May 27, 2020, the attorney examiner established a procedural schedule in this matter, with objections and motions to intervene being filed by June 10, 2020; expert testimony being filed by August 10, 2020; and a hearing commencing on August 17, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

{¶ 6} By Entry dated August 20, 2020, the attorney examiner granted pending motions to intervene filed by the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) and the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC). Additionally, the attorney examiner granted a joint motion filed by Dominion and Staff to continue the procedural schedule and the hearing rescheduled to commence on September 14, 2020.

{¶ 7} On August 31, 2020, Dominion filed a stipulation and recommendation (Stipulation) entered into by the Company and Staff and testimony in support of the Stipulation.

{¶ 8} On September 1, 2020, the attorney examiner conducted a prehearing conference with the parties. As a result of the conference, the attorney examiner now establishes the procedural schedule identified below. Due to the continued COVID-19 state of emergency declared by the governor in Executive Order 2020-01D, and given the passage of Am. Sub. H.B. 197, the hearing will be held using remote access technology known as Webex. The Commission will email instructions to the parties at their electronic mail addresses on record for participation in the prehearing conference and the hearing prior to the events:

- (a) OCC and NOPEC are to serve discovery requests upon Dominion by September 2, 2020;
- (b) Dominion is to respond to discovery requests by September 9, 2020;
- (c) OCC and NOPEC are to file testimony in opposition to the Stipulation by September 11, 2020;
- (d) A prehearing conference and technology test session is scheduled for September 14, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., for the parties to test out the Webex technology which will be utilized during the hearing. The parties should also be prepared to discuss their progress with regard to the exchange of exhibits prior to hearing, the scheduling of witnesses, and other logistical issues.

- (e) As agreed among the parties, all exhibits intended to be used on direct-examination and cross-examination, with the exception of exhibits that have already been filed in the docket, shall be provided to the parties and the attorney examiners by e-mail no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 14, 2020. Counsel for the parties should ensure their witnesses are able to access all exhibits filed on the docket or exchanged among the parties;
- (f) The hearing will commence on September 15, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

{¶ 9} Although only parties will be able to actively participate, any person interested in attending the prehearing conference as a non-party can access the Webex event by internet at <http://bit.ly/19-468-TTS-PHC> and entering PUCO as the password or dialing 1-408-418-9388 and entering 173 176 2657 as the event number. A non-party may also attend the hearing by accessing the Webex event by internet at <http://bit.ly/19-468-EVH> and entering PUCO as the password or dialing 1-408-418-9388 and entering 129 547 5629 as the event number.

{¶ 10} Counsel and witnesses who will speak during the hearing should join the Webex event through internet access and must have a computer or smart device with a camera, microphone, and speakers; an electronic mail address; and reliable internet service.

{¶ 11} If access or other issues are experienced during the hearing, individuals should immediately use the chat function within Webex or contact the Commission's legal department at hearings@puco.ohio.gov for assistance.

{¶ 12} It is, therefore,

{¶ 13} ORDERED, That the parties adhere to the procedural schedule outlined in Paragraphs 8 through 11. It is, further,

{¶ 14} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all persons of record.

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/s/Anna Sanyal

By: Anna Sanyal
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry setting a new procedural schedule; scheduling a pre-hearing technology conference for 9.14.20 at 9:00 a.m. and setting a hearing for 9.15.20 at 10:00 a.m. electronically filed by Kelli C. King on behalf of Anna Sanyal, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio