

**BEFORE
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 to Change Accounting)	Case No. 15-1712-GA-AAM
Methods Associated with its Pipeline Safety)	
Management Program.)	

**RESPONSE TO THE STAFF REPORT OF
THE EAST OHIO GAS COMPANY D/B/A DOMINION ENERGY OHIO**

On November 18, 2020, the Commission Staff issued its Review and Recommendation in the above-captioned case regarding the 2020 Annual Report filed by The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio (DEO) for its Pipeline Safety Management Program (PSMP).

The Staff Report did not generally object to the information contained in DEO’s report, but did recommend denying one of the two new initiatives proposed by DEO, namely, the HP Distribution Farm Taps initiative. Staff did not oppose the other new initiative (the Mega Rule initiative). (*See* Staff Report at 2.)

Under the procedures applicable in this case, DEO “shall have 30 days after the filing of Staff’s report to accept or object to the recommendations.” 15-1712 Order at 4 (Nov. 3, 2016).

DEO appreciates Staff’s timely review of the 2020 report and understands the concerns articulated regarding the HP Distribution Farm Taps initiative. Although DEO does not necessarily agree that denial of the new initiative is required, DEO is willing to withdraw the request to defer expenses related to the HP Distribution Farm Taps initiative in 2021, and thus the Company does not intend to pursue objections to the Staff Report.

Given that DEO does not intend to pursue objections on this issue, and that Staff does not otherwise object to DEO's 2020 Annual Report, DEO does not believe that any further Commission action is necessary.

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Respectfully submitted,

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