

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 AN ALTERNATIVE FORM OF
REGULATION TO CONTINUE ITS PIPELINE
INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT
PROGRAM.

CASE NO. 20-1634-GA-ALT

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on January 14, 2021

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

{¶ 2} Under R.C. 4929.05, a natural gas company may file an application for an alternative rate plan. After an investigation, the Commission shall approve the alternative rate plan if the natural gas company demonstrates and the Commission finds the natural gas company is in compliance with R.C. 4905.35; is in substantial compliance with the policy of the state, as set forth in R.C. 4929.02; and is expected to continue to be in substantial compliance with the policy of the state specified in R.C. 4929.02 after implementation of the alternative rate plan. The Commission must also find that the alternative rate plan is just and reasonable.

{¶ 3} R.C. 4929.051(B) provides that an alternative rate plan filed by a natural gas company under R.C. 4929.05 and seeking authorization to continue a previously approved alternative rate plan shall be considered an application not for an increase in rates.

{¶ 4} On October 30, 2020, Dominion filed a notice of intent to file an application for approval of the continuation of an alternative rate plan under R.C. 4929.05.

{¶ 5} On December 8, 2020, Dominion filed its application, along with supporting exhibits, pursuant to R.C. 4929.05, 4929.051(B), 4929.11, and 4909.18. In its application, Dominion states that it seeks to continue, with several limited modifications, its pipeline

infrastructure replacement (PIR) program and associated cost recovery charge last approved by the Commission in *In re The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio*, Case No. 15-362-GA-ALT, Opinion and Order (Sept. 14, 2016). The PIR program was previously approved in Case Nos. 08-169-GA-ALT and 11-2401-GA-ALT. Dominion asserts that its application should be considered an application not for an increase in rates.

{¶ 6} On January 8, 2021, the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) filed a motion to intervene. In its motion, OCC asserts that it has a real and substantial interest in the issues in this proceeding, as it is an advocate for residential utility customers, and it seeks to address matters that may affect the price of utility services.

{¶ 7} Additionally, on January 12, 2021, Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy filed a motion to intervene asserting that it includes as members nonprofit organizations located in the service area that will be affected by this proceeding.

{¶ 8} On January 12, 2021, Staff filed a letter reflecting that Dominion's application is in technical compliance with Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-19-06. Accordingly, the application shall be deemed to have been filed as of December 8, 2020.

{¶ 9} At this time, the attorney examiner finds it appropriate to set the following procedural schedule:

- (a) February 10, 2021 – Deadline for the filing of motions to intervene.
- (b) February 17, 2021 – Deadline for the filing of comments by intervenors regarding Dominion's December 8, 2020 application.
- (c) March 3, 2021 – Deadline for the filing of reply comments by Dominion and intervenors.
- (d) April 5, 2021 – Deadline for the filing of the Staff Report.
- (e) May 5, 2021 – Deadline for the filing of objections to the Staff Report.

{¶ 10} It is, therefore,

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

{¶ 12} ORDERED, That Dominion's application be deemed to have been filed as of
December 8, 2020. It is, further,

{¶ 13} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all interested persons
and parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

/s/ Jacky Werman St. John

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry establishing a procedural schedule and ordering that Dominion's application be deemed to have been filed as of December 8, 2020.
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