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Docketing Division  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
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RE: *In the Matter of the Application of The East Ohio Gas Co. d/b/a Dominion East Ohio for Approval of an Adjustment to its Demand Side Management Rider Rate in Case No. 20-1626-GA-RDR.*

Enclosed please find the Staff's Review and Recommendation regarding the application filed in Case No. 20-1626-GA-RDR.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure  
cc: Parties of Record

**Dominion East Ohio**  
**Case No. 20-1626-GA-RDR**

**OVERVIEW**

On October 15, 2008, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) approved a Stipulation and Recommendation (Stipulation) that authorized Dominion East Ohio (DEO or the Company) to recover \$4.0 million annually in Demand-Side Management (DSM) program expenditures through a DSM Rider, including any adjustments for over- or under-recoveries from the prior year.<sup>1</sup> The DSM Rider is applicable to residential and non-residential customers on the General Sales Services and the Energy Choice Transportation Service rate schedules. The Stipulation also established a DSM Collaborative meeting and a process for considering reasonable and prudent expenses in excess of the \$4.0 million annual expenditures.

In Case No. 17-1372-GA-RDR, Staff recommended that “the Commission direct DEO to annually file a DSM rider application with supporting schedules in a new case record that requests Commission approval to adjust its DSM rider rate rather than merely filing an updated tariff each year.”<sup>2</sup> In its August 2, 2017 Finding and Order, the Commission agreed with that recommendation and directed the Company to file an application to adjust its DSM Rider rate for the Commission’s review and approval by December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.<sup>3</sup>

On November 18, 2020, DEO submitted the Application in the current case to update the DSM rider tariff, along with supporting schedules, to increase the rider rate from \$0.0247 per Mcf to \$0.0286 per Mcf.

**STAFF REVIEW**

Staff’s review of DEO’s Application consisted of an analysis of the DSM costs incurred for the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, in order to evaluate prudence and appropriateness for recovery. Staff also reviewed the calculations to verify the accuracy of the revenue requirement calculation. Staff conducted this review through a combination of document reviews, interviews, and interrogatories as needed.

**CONCLUSION**

Staff believes that DEO calculated the DSM rider rate accurately and that the costs incurred during the period were prudent and appropriate for recovery. As such, Staff recommends that the Commission approve the increase in the DSM rider rate to \$0.0286 per Mcf.

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<sup>1</sup> Case Nos. 07-829-GA-AIR, et al., Opinion and Order at 7 (October 15, 2008).

<sup>2</sup> Case No. 17-1372-GA-RDR, Staff Review and Recommendation at 1 (June 5, 2017).

<sup>3</sup> Case No. 17-1372-GA-RDR, Finding and Order (August 2, 2017).

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