

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

**IN THE MATTER OF THE REGULATION OF
THE PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT
CLAUSES CONTAINED WITHIN THE RATE
SCHEDULES OF:**

**EASTERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY
PIKE NATURAL GAS COMPANY**

**CASE NO. 21-207-GA-GCR
CASE NO. 21-214-GA-GCR**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE UNCOLLECTIBLE
EXPENSE RIDERS OF:**

**EASTERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY
PIKE NATURAL GAS COMPANY**

**CASE NO. 21-307-GA-UEX
CASE NO. 21-314-GA-UEX**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PERCENTAGE OF
INCOME PAYMENT PLAN RIDERS OF:**

**EASTERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY
PIKE NATURAL GAS COMPANY**

**CASE NO. 21-407-GA-PIP
CASE NO. 21-414-GA-PIP**

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on June 24, 2021

{¶ 1} Eastern Natural Gas Company and Pike Natural Gas Company (together, the Companies) are natural gas companies as defined in R.C. 4905.03 and public utilities as defined in R.C. 4905.02. As such, the Companies are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 2} R.C. 4905.302 and Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-14-07 require that the Commission conduct, or cause to be conducted, periodic financial audits of each gas or natural gas company under the Commission' jurisdiction. The audits shall review each company's compliance with the gas cost recovery (GCR) mechanism as delineated in Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-14. Under Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-14-07(C) and 4901:1-14-08(A), each audit shall culminate in the filing of an audit report and, at least 60 days later, a public hearing before the Commission.

{¶ 3} By Entry dated January 27, 2021, the Commission initiated the Companies' GCR financial audits for the period January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2020, as well as audits of the Companies' uncollectible expense (UEX) and percentage of income payment plan (PIPP) riders for the same periods. The January 27, 2021 Entry directed the Companies to publish required legal notices, established a deadline for filing testimony, and set the evidentiary hearing for August 10, 2021. The Commission further stated that additional details and instructions regarding access to the hearing and the specific form of the hearing notice would be provided by future entry.

{¶ 4} Pursuant to the timeline dictated by Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-14-08, Staff filed the Companies' GCR, UEX, and PIPP audit reports on June 11, 2021.

{¶ 5} The attorney examiner announces that the August 10, 2021 evidentiary hearing will take place at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-A at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. To participate in the hearing, parties and other interested persons should register at the lobby desk and then proceed to the 11th floor. Consistent with guidelines issued by the Center for Disease Control, individuals who are not fully vaccinated should continue to wear a face covering and practice social distancing. Any accommodations necessary to ensure the availability of social distancing and plexiglass dividers should be made in advance of the hearing. As pandemic-related guidance continues to evolve, additional instructions regarding safety requirements or accommodations for the hearing room will either be posted on the Commission website or communicated to the parties.

{¶ 6} Pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-14-08(C), the Companies are required to publish notice of a GCR hearing between 15 and 30 days prior to the scheduled hearing date. The notice may be provided by publication of a display ad in a newspaper (in a section other than the legal notice section), bill message, bill insert, or direct mailing to the customers. The form of the notice should be in substantially the following form as applicable to the individual company.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has set for public hearing Case No. [applicable GCR case number] to review the gas cost recovery rates of [applicable company], the operation of its purchased gas adjustment clause, and related matters. This hearing is scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Hearing Room 11-A, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. All interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard. Further information may be obtained by viewing the Commission's web page at <http://www.puc.state.oh.us>, or contacting the Commission's hotline at 1-8000-686-7826 or for hearing or speech impaired customers 7-1-1.

{¶ 7} As stated in the January 27, 2021 Entry, direct testimony of any witnesses testifying on behalf of each company should be filed at least 16 days prior to the GCR hearing.

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That the August 10, 2021 hearing be conducted in Hearing Room 11-A at the offices of the Commission as stated in Paragraph 5. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That the Companies publish legal notice in accordance with Paragraph 6. It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That the parties file testimony, as is necessary, according to the timeframe set forth in Paragraph 7. It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry ordering that the August 10, 2021 hearing be conducted in Hearing Room 11-A at the offices of the Commission as stated in Paragraph 5; that the Companies publish legal notice in accordance with Paragraph 6; and, that the parties file testimony, as is necessary, according to the timeframe set forth in Paragraph 7 electronically filed by Heather A Chilcote on behalf of Patricia Schabo, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission