

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 REVISED TARIFFS.

CASE NO. 21-1048-GA-ATA

FINDING AND ORDER

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I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the amended application of The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio to revise its tariffs.

II. DISCUSSION

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

{¶ 3} R.C. 4909.18 provides, in part, that a public utility may file an application to establish any rate, charge, regulation, or practice. If the Commission determines that the application is not for an increase in any rate and does not appear to be unjust or unreasonable, the Commission may approve the application without the need for a hearing.

{¶ 4} In Case No. 18-1419-GA-EXM, the Commission approved a joint stipulation and recommendation (Stipulation) that resolved all issues raised in motions to modify Dominion's commodity sales service exemption. Among other provisions, the Stipulation requires that Dominion assess a new customer education fee to designated suppliers beginning December 1, 2021, and subject to the Commission's approval of any necessary changes in the tariff. *In re The East Ohio Gas Co. d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio*, Case No. 18-1419-GA-EXM, Opinion and Order (Feb. 26, 2020) at ¶ 41.

{¶ 5} In Case No. 19-1429-GA-ORD, the Commission adopted certain specified amendments to the minimum gas service standards in Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-13. Along with other changes, the Commission adopted Staff’s proposal to amend Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-13-14(C) to require that all information provided by a natural gas company to certified retail natural gas suppliers and governmental aggregators on the eligible-customer lists be identified in the company’s tariff and approved by the Commission. *In re the Commission’s Review of the Minimum Gas Service Standards in Chapter 4901:1-13 of the Ohio Administrative Code*, Case No. 19-1429-GA-ORD, Finding and Order (Feb. 24, 2021) at ¶¶ 135, 141.

{¶ 6} On October 13, 2021, in the above-captioned case, Dominion filed an application to revise its tariffs. Dominion amended its application on October 22, 2021. In the application, as amended, Dominion proposes to add the term “Eligible Customer List” to its tariff definitions, in order to comply with the Commission’s amendment of Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-13-14(C). Dominion also seeks approval to revise references and information included within the Energy Choice Pooling Service (ECPS) Agreement, other portions of the ECPS tariff, and the General Terms and Conditions of Transportation Service tariff. Dominion notes that, among other changes, the tariffs would be revised to update rule, web address, publisher, and company references; to include the customer education fee in the ECPS Agreement, in accordance with the Stipulation approved by the Commission in Case No. 18-1419-GA-EXM; and to make minor formatting and grammatical corrections. Dominion asserts that the proposed changes will not hinder the operation or efficiency of service provided to suppliers under the ECPS tariffs.

{¶ 7} On October 26, 2021, Staff filed correspondence indicating that it has reviewed the proposed tariff revisions and recommends that they be approved. Staff also notes that the proposed tariff revisions will not result in an increase in rates and will include the customer education fee approved in Case No. 18-1419-GA-EXM.

{¶ 8} The Commission finds that Dominion's application, as amended, to revise its tariffs does not appear to be unjust or unreasonable and that it should be approved. The Commission notes that no comments or motions to intervene were filed in response to the amended application. Finally, consistent with R.C. 4909.18, the Commission finds that no hearing is required in this case.

III. ORDER

{¶ 9} It is, therefore,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That Dominion's application, as amended, to revise its tariffs be approved. It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That Dominion be authorized to file tariffs, in final form, consistent with this Finding and Order. Dominion shall file one copy in this case docket and one copy in its TRF docket. It is, further,

{¶ 12} ORDERED, That the effective date of the new tariffs shall be a date not earlier than the date upon which the final tariff pages are filed with the Commission. It is, further,

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

COMMISSIONERS:

Approving:

Jenifer French, Chair
M. Beth Trombold
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Daniel R. Conway

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