

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp.)	
for Authority to Abandon Service)	Case No. 21-1214-GA-ABN
to Two Premises in Trumbull County,)	
Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code)	
Sections 4905.20 and 4905.21.)	

**APPLICATION OF NORTHEAST OHIO NATURAL GAS CORP. FOR AUTHORITY
TO ABANDON SERVICE TO TWO PREMISES IN TRUMBULL COUNTY, OHIO**

Expedited Ruling Requested

Now comes Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp. (hereinafter “NEO”) and files its application, pursuant to R.C. §§ 4905.20 and 4905.21, for authority to abandon a natural gas pipe that serves two premises in Trumbull County, Ohio. In support of its application, NEO states that:

1. NEO is a natural gas company and a public utility within the meaning of R.C. §§ 4905.02 and 4905.03, and is therefore subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.
2. NEO provides retail natural gas service to two premises located at 3241 and 3330 Eagle Creek Road, Leavittsburg, Ohio 44430. Service to the two premises is provided through a pipeline that is no longer economically feasible for NEO to operate. This pipeline is supplied by a single well with intermittent pressures/volumes. The single well on that pipeline no longer produces enough gas to keep the pipeline in operation.
3. The customers have the right to free gas from this single well.
4. This sole source of supply has resulted in the interruption of service to the two premises.

5. On or before December 3, 2021, NEO will provide 60-day notice of its intent to terminate its purchase gas agreement with the owner of the well.

6. The customers located at the two premises are capable of receiving service from Dominion East Ohio (“DEO”), who has a mainline on Eagle Creek Road in front of the premises. The customers located at the two premises are aware that non-interruptible service is available from DEO and have inquired into converting their service to DEO.

7. In light of the decreased performance of the well, and the associated termination of NEO’s contract with the owner by an anticipated February 2, 2022, NEO will have no way to provide reliable natural gas to this pipeline after approximately February 2, 2022.

8. NEO has informed the customers located at the two premises that if there is a cost for the installation of the service line, not covered by DEO, NEO will reimburse the customers for that cost up to and including the meter.

9. However, because the customers located at the two premises currently receive free gas, when available because the single well is producing, there has been little incentive for the customers to convert their service to DEO. In addition to the lack of incentives, the customers have been in discussions with the well owners but there is no timeline as to when or if their concerns will be addressed.

10. For the foregoing reasons, NEO seeks authority to abandon service. Because of the potential service interruptions associated with the declining performance of this well and the associated termination of the agreement between NEO and the well owner, NEO is also requesting an expedited ruling from the Commission by no later than February 2, 2022 to ensure the customers located at the two premises have a reliable energy source from DEO for this winter.

11. This abandonment is in the public interest because only two customers are impacted, there is no cost-effective way for NEO to continue to serve these customers, and the customers can receive service from another utility.

12. For the reasons described herein, NEO submits that the abandonment described herein is reasonable, having due regard for the welfare of the public and the cost of operating the service and related facilities.

WHEREFORE, NEO respectfully asks the Commission to authorize the abandonment of retail natural gas service to the two premises listed above by no later than February 2, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing *Application of Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp. for Authority to Abandon Service to Two Premises in Trumbull County, Ohio* was served via U.S. Mail on December 3, 2021, upon the two impacted owners at the following addresses:

3241 Eagle Creek Rd.
Leavittsburg, OH 44430-9413

3330 Eagle Creek Rd.
Leavittsburg, OH 44430-9413

/s/ Kari D. Hehmeyer
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