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Docketing Division
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RE: *In the Matter of the Application of The East Ohio Gas Company, d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio for Approval of an Adjustment to its Uncollectible Expense Rider Rate, Case No. 22-319-GA-UEX.*

Dear Docketing Division:

Enclosed please find the Staff's Review and Recommendation in regard to the application filed by The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio, to update its Uncollectible Expense Rider, in Case No. 22-319-GA-UEX.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure
cc: Parties of Record

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Dominion Energy Ohio
Case No. 22-319-GA-UEx

SUMMARY:

In Case No. 03-1127-GA-UNC, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) authorized the concept of an uncollectible accounts expense recovery mechanism for five natural gas companies. The mechanism approved allows for recovery of actual bad/uncollectible debt through a rider, rather than through base rates. Subsequently, in Case No. 03-2573-GA-ATA, the Commission authorized the East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a/ Dominion Energy Ohio (Dominion or Company) to establish an uncollectible expense rider recovery mechanism, initially set at \$0.0601 per Mcf (thousand cubic feet).

Since that time, Dominion has filed annual updates to adjust its rider rate and the Commission has authorized such revisions. The most recent history of Dominion's uncollectible expense rider rate is as follows:

September 2017 – September 2018	\$0.0634 per Mcf
October 2018 – July 2019	\$0.0326 per Mcf
August 2019 – June 2020	\$0.0720 per Mcf
July 2020 – July 2021	\$0.0979 per Mcf
August 2021 – Current	\$0.1204 per Mcf

On May 24, 2022, Dominion filed an application, Case No. 22-319-GA-UEx, to decrease its current UEX Rider rate of \$0.1204 per Mcf to \$0.1162 per Mcf, a decrease of \$0.0042 per Mcf. Staff has reviewed the application and makes its finding and recommendation in this Staff Letter.

STAFF REVIEW:

Staff reviewed the Dominion's Calculation of Annual Balance Reconciliation 2022, and Annual Balance Reconciliation 2021 (Attachments 1); Uncollectible Expense Rider Calculation (Attachment 2); and the Company's Uncollectible Expense Rider (Attachment 3).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff believes that Dominion calculated the UEX Rider rate correctly in its application and recommends that the proposed rate of \$0.1162 per Mcf be approved.

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Summary: Staff Review and Recommendation regarding the application filed by
The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio, to update its
Uncollectible Expense Rider electronically filed by Zee Molter on behalf of PUCO
Staff