

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNCOLLECTIBLE
EXPENSE RIDER OF OHIO GAS COMPANY.

CASE No. 22-311-GA-UEx

FINDING AND ORDER

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I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the application of Ohio Gas Company to adjust its uncollectible expense rider rate.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Ohio Gas Company (Ohio Gas or Company) 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 the Commission.

{¶ 3} In Case No. 05-1439-GA-UEx, the Commission authorized Ohio Gas to establish and implement an uncollectible expense (UEx) rider. *In re Ohio Gas Co.*, Case No. 05-1439-GA-UEx, Entry (Jan. 25, 2006).

{¶ 4} Most recently, the Commission approved Ohio Gas's current UEx rider rate of (\$0.0081)¹ per thousand cubic feet (Mcf). *In re Ohio Gas Co.*, Case No. 21-311-GA-UEx, Finding and Order (July 14, 2021).

{¶ 5} On June 22, 2022, Ohio Gas filed, in the above-captioned case, an application to adjust its UEx rider rate to (\$0.0047) per Mcf, as summarized below:

Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Proposed Increase
(\$0.0081) per Mcf	(\$0.0047) per Mcf	(\$0.0034) per Mcf

¹ Amounts shown in parentheses indicate negative numbers.

The proposed rate is comprised of two components: the balance of deferred uncollectible accounts expense net of recoveries as of March 31, 2022, and an estimate of net uncollectible accounts expense for the 12 months ending March 31, 2023.

{¶ 6} On July 5, 2022, Staff filed its review and recommendations regarding Ohio Gas' application. Staff reviewed Ohio Gas' annual balance reconciliation, estimates of anticipated additional uncollectible expenses, UEX rider calculation, and the proposed tariff sheets. Staff concluded that Ohio Gas appropriately calculated its UEX rider rate and recommended that its proposed rate of (\$0.0047) per Mcf be approved. However, Staff notes that a prudence review of the rate will occur in a future UEX audit proceeding.

{¶ 7} The Commission has reviewed the application, as well as Staff's review and recommendations, and finds that the proposed adjustment to Ohio Gas' UEX rider is reasonable, is in the public interest, and should be approved. Accordingly, the Commission finds that Ohio Gas should be authorized to include the revised UEX rider rate in its tariff, which contains the terms, conditions, and rates Ohio Gas applies to the gas service it provides to customers.

III. ORDER

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That the application of Ohio Gas to adjust its UEX rider rate be approved and the Company authorized to adjust the UEX rider rate to (\$0.0047) per Mcf. It is, further,

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

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

{¶ 12} ORDERED, That nothing in this Finding and Order shall be binding upon this Commission in any future proceeding or investigation involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule, or regulation. It is, further,

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

COMMISSIONERS:

Approving:

Jenifer French, Chair

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Daniel R. Conway

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