

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 TARIFF REVISIONS.

CASE NO. 22-179-GA-ATA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
THE EAST OHIO GAS COMPANY D/B/A
DOMINION ENERGY OHIO FOR
APPROVAL OF A CARBON OFFSET
PROGRAM.

CASE NO. 22-180-GA-UNC

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on January 30, 2023

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

{¶ 2} On March 11, 2022, and in accordance with R.C. 4905.04, R.C. 4905.06, R.C. 4905.30, R.C. 4905.70, and R.C. 4929.02, Dominion filed an application seeking approval of a voluntary carbon offset program, the Decarbon Ohio Program, along with associated tariff and bill format changes (Application).

{¶ 3} Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-13-11(D) requires any natural gas company proposing a new bill format to file its proposed bill format with the Commission for approval. If the Commission does not act upon the application for approval of a new bill format within 45 days, the proposed bill format is automatically approved on the 46th day.

{¶ 4} By Entry dated March 31, 2022, the attorney examiner suspended the 45-day automatic approval process with respect to Dominion's proposed changes to its bill format to allow Commission and Staff to review the entirety of Dominion's Application. In the same Entry, the attorney examiner also modified the procedural schedule proposed within the Application to allow for comments as opposed to a Staff Report and objections. Pursuant to the March 31, 2022 Entry, motions to intervene were due by May 13, 2022; initial

comments by Staff and intervenors were due by May 13, 2022; and reply comments were due by June 13, 2022.

{¶ 5} The following entities filed timely motions to intervene: SFE Energy Ohio, Inc. and StateWise Energy Ohio, LLC (together, SFE Energy); Direct Energy Business LLC, Direct Energy Services LLC, Direct Energy Business Marketing LLC, Energy Plus Natural Gas LLC, Reliant Energy Northeast LLC, Stream Ohio Gas & Electric, LLC, and Xoom Energy Ohio, LLC (collectively, NRG Retail Companies); Interstate Gas Supply, Inc. (IGS); the Environmental Law & Policy Center, the Retail Energy Supply Association (RESA), Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC), and Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC).

{¶ 6} On May 13, 2022, Staff, IGS, OCC, the NRG Retail Companies, SFE Energy, RESA, and NOPEC filed initial comments. On June 13, 2022, IGS, SFE Energy, Staff, RESA, NOPEC, OCC, and Dominion filed reply comments.

{¶ 7} On August 22, 2022, Dominion filed a motion requesting that the Commission grant Mark W. DeMonte permission to appear pro hac vice on behalf of the Company.

{¶ 8} By Entry dated December 6, 2022, the attorney examiner granted all pending motions to intervene, as well as Dominion's motion requesting that Attorney DeMonte be permitted to appear pro hac vice.

{¶ 9} The parties to this proceeding have been regularly meeting and negotiating since reply comments were filed in June 2022. Recently, the parties reached out to the attorney examiner requesting a status conference, indicating that it would be helpful to discuss some of the parties' concerns and jointly determine the best procedural path moving forward. The stated goal of the status conference would be to identify a mutually agreeable process to streamline the presentation of issues to the Commission.

{¶ 10} The attorney examiner agrees that a status conference would be beneficial. Accordingly, a status conference will be held on Monday, February 13, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at

the offices of the Commission, Hearing Room 11-A, 11th Floor, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3797. Counsel should register at the lobby desk and then proceed to the 11th floor to participate in the conference.

{¶ 11} It is, therefore,

{¶ 12} ORDERED, That a status conference be held on February 13, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., in hearing room 11-A, as stated in Paragraph 10. It is, further,

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

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/s/Patricia A. Schabo

By: Patricia A. Schabo
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry that a status conference will be held on Monday, February 13, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of the Commission, Hearing Room 11-A, 11th Floor, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3797 electronically filed by Ms. Donielle M. Hunter on behalf of Patricia A. Schabo, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio