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Docketing Division Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215

RE: In the Matter of the Application of Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp. for Authority to Abandon Service to One Premise in Lake County, Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 4905.20 and 4905.21 in Case No. 21-107-GA-ABN

Dear Docketing Division:

Barbara Bassart

Enclosed please find the Staff's Review and Recommendations in regard to the application filed by Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp. seeking authority to abandon service to one premise in Case No. 21-107-GA-ABN.

Barbara Bossart

Chief, Reliability and Service Analysis Division Service Monitoring and Enforcement Department Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Case No. 21-107-GA-ABN

SUMMARY

On February 11, 2021, Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp. (NEO) filed an application in Case No. 21-107-GA-ABN to abandon a lateral natural gas pipe that serves a Knox Energy customer which is a retail natural gas service to one premise in Lake County, Ohio.

On November 9, 2022, NEO filed an update in this case to advise that the premise served by the lateral natural gas pipeline in question, now receives natural gas service from NEO via a different mainline and service line, and there are no longer any customers being served on this pipeline.

STAFF REVIEW

Staff has reviewed the application and update and understands that the affected customer has been provided with alternative service to NEO through a different mainline and service line. Therefore, staff does not oppose NEO's request to abandon the lateral pipeline in question.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff finds that the application filed by NEO is reasonable and should be approved.

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Summary: Comments Staff Comments electronically filed by Mr. Craig E. Smith on behalf of PUCO Staff.