

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

**IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF
RONALD KALINOSKI,**

COMPLAINANTS,

CASE NO. 22-229-EL-CSS

v.

**THE EAST GAS COMPANY
D/B/A DOMINION ENERGY OHIO,**

RESPONDENT.

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on September 14, 2023

{¶ 1} Pursuant to R.C. 4905.26, the Commission has authority to consider written complaints filed against a public utility by any person or corporation regarding any rate, service, regulation, or practice relating to any service furnished by the public utility that is in any respect unjust, unreasonable, insufficient, or unjustly discriminatory.

{¶ 2} The East Gas Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio (Dominion) is a natural gas company as defined in R.C. 4905.03 and a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02. Accordingly, Dominion is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction.

{¶ 3} On March 18, 2022, Ronald Kalinoski (Complainant) filed a complaint against Dominion alleging that Dominion's monthly charges for natural gas transportation service are excessive, particularly when compared to historic changes to inflation and interest rates.

{¶ 4} On April 7, 2022, Dominion filed its answer, in which it acknowledges that Complainant is its natural gas service customer, denies all the other allegations set forth in the complaint, and sets forth several affirmative defenses. Specifically, Dominion denies that monthly charges to Complainant's account for gas transportation or delivery charges

have been excessive, stating instead they have charged Complainant's account in a manner consistent with all applicable statutes, rules, tariff provisions, and orders of the Commission.

{¶ 5} By Entry dated April 18, 2022, the attorney examiner scheduled a settlement teleconference for May 11, 2022. However, the parties did not reach a settlement of the case at that time.

{¶ 6} Complainant filed additional information in the docket, including responses to Dominion's answer and questions directed to the mediator, on April 15, 2022; April 19, 2022; and June 21, 2022.

{¶ 7} To date, the parties have not advised the Commission of any progress towards settling the matters raised in the complaint.

{¶ 8} Therefore, the attorney examiner orders that by October 4, 2023, the parties shall file in this docket a report outlining the status of ongoing settlement negotiations. The report may be filed either jointly or separately and should only contain non-confidential information. Finally, the report should indicate whether either party is opposed to the attorney examiner scheduling an evidentiary hearing in this case on or about October 24, 2023.

{¶ 9} It is, therefore,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That the parties file a case status report, consistent with Paragraph 8, no later than October 4, 2023. It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon each party of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

/s/ Clint R. White

By: Clint R. White
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry ordering the parties to file a case status report, consistent with Paragraph 8, no later than October 4, 2023. electronically filed by Ms. Mary E. Fischer on behalf of Clint White, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.