

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Eastern)
Gas Lines, Inc. for Authority to Abandon Its)
Public Utility Pipeline Service and Have Its) Case No. 04-1930-PL-ABN
Name Removed from the Roll of Public)
Utilities.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On December 30, 2004, Eastern Gas Lines, Inc. (Eastern) filed an application for authority to abandon its public utility service pursuant to Sections 4905.20 and 4905.21, Revised Code. The application also requests that Eastern be removed from the roll of public utilities.
- (2) Eastern is an Ohio corporation, a public utility as defined in Section 4905.02, Revised Code, and a pipeline company as defined in Section 4905.03(A)(7), Revised Code. Therefore, Eastern is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission under Sections 4905.04, 4905.05 and 4905.06, Revised Code.
- (3) According to the application, Eastern's facilities are located only in Summit County, Ohio, and the facilities no longer transport natural gas, having been capped since November and December 2002. The application also states that Eastern currently has no customers. Further, Eastern states that it is not a party to any gas transportation agreement.
- (4) Sections 4905.20 and 4905.21, Revised Code, establish the statutory requirements pertaining to abandonment of service and facilities. Section 4905.21, Revised Code, requires that, upon the written application to abandon facilities and public utility service, "the commission shall cause reasonable notice of the application to be given, stating the time and place fixed by the commission for the hearing of said application." The public hearing is to be held to determine the reasonableness of the proposed abandonment. However, because Eastern indicates that it has no current customers, the Commission will schedule an oral hearing in this matter but will waive that hearing, unless it receives a written request showing good cause to conduct the hearing. Following publication of appropriate legal notice, if no one shows good cause in writing for conducting the hearing, the Commission will decide the case

on the basis of the verified information and exhibits submitted by Eastern.

- (5) Accordingly, a hearing in this matter should be held on Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, in Hearing Room 11-F, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.
- (6) Eastern should cause publication of the following legal notice to occur once per week for two consecutive weeks prior to February 28, 2005. The legal notice is to be as a display ad, not less than 9 point type, not in the legal notices of the newspaper, and in a newspaper of general circulation in Summit County:

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is given that Eastern Gas Lines, Inc. (Eastern) filed an application (Case No. 04-1930-PL-ABN) with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio for authority to abandon its public utility facilities and services. According to the application, Eastern's facilities are located only in Summit County, Ohio, the facilities no longer transport natural gas, and have been capped since November and December 2002. The application also states that Eastern currently has no customers. Further, Eastern states that it is not a party to any gas transportation agreement.

Any interested person, firm, corporation, or entity desiring an oral hearing in this matter should file a written request stating good cause why the abandonment application should not be granted by the Commission and requesting a hearing. The written request must be filed with the Commission on or before March 7, 2004. Unless the Commission receives such a request for an oral hearing, the case will be decided on the basis of the information contained in the verified information and exhibits contained in the application. However, if the Commission receives such a written request showing good cause, it will conduct an oral hearing on the application at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2005, in Hearing Room 11-F, 11th floor of the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. Further

information may be obtained by contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793, by viewing the Commission's web page at <http://www.puc.state.oh.us>, or by contacting the Commission's hotline at 1-800-686-7826. The hearing impaired can reach the Commission via TTY-TDD at 1-800-686-1570 or in Columbus at 466-8180.

- (7) Eastern shall file proof of publication of the legal notice as required by Finding 6, above.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Eastern shall cause publication of the legal notice in Finding 6 to occur once per week for two consecutive weeks prior to February 28, 2005. The legal notice is to be as a display ad, not less than 9 point type, not in the legal notices of the newspaper, and in a newspaper of general circulation in Summit County. Further, Eastern shall file proof of this publication with the Commission. It is, further,

ORDERED, That any interested person, firm, corporation, or entity desiring an oral hearing in this matter shall file a written request stating good cause why the abandonment application should not be granted by the Commission and requesting a hearing. The written request must be filed with the Commission on or before March 7, 2004. It is, further,

ORDERED, That, unless the Commission receives a request for an oral hearing, the case will be decided on the basis of the information contained in the verified information and exhibits contained in the application. It is, further,

ORDERED, That, if the Commission receives a written request showing good cause and requesting a hearing, it will conduct an oral hearing on the application at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2005, in Hearing Room 11-F, 11th floor of the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. It is, further,


ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon Eastern and interested persons of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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Renee J. Jenkins
Secretary

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