

Dominion Energy Ohio (DEO) would like to remind all suppliers and end-users of the modification that recently went into effect in regards to how DEO's customers who do not enroll with a competitive supplier or government aggregation program are charged for natural gas. Again, under the terms of the settlement with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), DEO has eliminated the monthly variable rate (MVR) plan for all customers and has established a modified monthly retail rate (MRR) plan instead. Please thoroughly read the PUCO press release below from this past February 2020 to help better understand the program specifics under the new MRR guidelines.

Please contact the Transportation group at EOG_TRANS_SERV@dominionenergy.com with any questions.

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PUCO adopts settlement agreement to modify Dominion's default service rate structure

COLUMBUS, OHIO (Feb. 26, 2020) ? The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) today adopted a settlement agreement modifying how Dominion Energy Ohio's customers who do not enroll with a competitive supplier or government aggregation program are charged for natural gas.

"The terms of this settlement provide for a creative process which will not only introduce price rationalization into one segment of the market, but also will promote further general enhancement of the competitive market consistent with state policy," said PUCO Commissioner Larry Friedeman. "More importantly, the market dynamics will better serve the interest of consumers."

Under the terms of the settlement, Dominion will eliminate its monthly variable rate (MVR) plan for all customers. The standard choice offer (SCO) will be the default rate for choice-eligible residential and non-residential customers using 200 Mcf or less annually. The SCO price is tied to the New York Mercantile Exchange monthly settlement price for natural gas futures, plus a competitively sourced retail markup.

The monthly retail rate (MRR) program will be the default service for customers using more than 200 Mcf annually. The MRR price will be calculated each month using competitive offers from qualified MRR suppliers.

Additional terms of the settlement include:

- ? Non-residential customers, using 200-500 Mcf annually, may select the SCO, an option previously unavailable.
- ? Dominion will notify customers currently served by the MVR and transfer them to either the SCO or MRR.
- ? Energy choice suppliers must meet a set of criteria before being authorized to serve MRR customers.
- ? Dominion, PUCO staff and stakeholders will work through a collaborative process to educate Dominion customers regarding the changes and energy choice options in Ohio.
- ? Within three years, Dominion, PUCO staff and stakeholders will evaluate the MRR program.

The unopposed settlement was signed by Dominion, PUCO staff, Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy (OPAE), Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC), Retail Energy Supply Association, Dominion Energy Solutions, Inc., Interstate Gas Supply, Inc., Direct Energy Services, LLC and Direct Energy Business Marketing, LLC.

A copy of today's opinion and order is available on the PUCO website at www.PUCO.ohio.gov. Click the link to the Docketing Information System and enter case number 18-1419-GA-EXM. The PUCO maintains its Energy Choice Ohio website to assist consumers as they evaluate their electric and natural gas supply options. The PUCO's Apples to Apples comparison charts provide customers with a snapshot comparison of rates if they do not choose to enroll with a competitive supplier, versus current electric and natural gas supplier offers, and contract terms. The charts are updated daily.

Background

On April 8, 2005, Dominion filed an application to restructure its default service rate to expand retail choice options for customers.

On May 26, 2006, the Commission approved Dominion's alternative, market-based pricing of commodity sales. The order allowed Dominion to eliminate its existing gas cost recovery rate and implement a new competitively bid standard service offer.

On June 18, 2008, the Commission approved a settlement authorizing Dominion to implement a standard choice offer (SCO), through an auction with suppliers bidding to supply natural gas to choice-eligible customers. Secondly, choice-eligible customers could select a supplier, participate in an opt-out governmental aggregation program or elect to be assigned to an energy choice supplier at the SCO price. Finally, the stipulation stated if customers did not choose one of the options, they would be assigned to an energy choice supplier at the supplier's posted MVR.

On Jan. 9, 2013, the Commission adopted a settlement authorizing Dominion to discontinue the availability of the SCO to choice-eligible non-residential customers. Further, the stipulation determined that a non-residential customer who did not choose a supplier or participate in a government aggregation program would be served by the next available supplier on a rotating list of competitive retail natural gas suppliers registered to provide default service at the supplier's MVR.

In September 2018 and August 2019 respectively, OPAE and OCC filed motions to modify Dominion's exemption and to eliminate the MVR.

On Nov. 5, 2019, an evidentiary hearing began and was continued to a later date.

On Feb. 5, 2020, all parties to the case filed a joint settlement agreement. The evidentiary hearing concluded on Feb. 7, 2020.

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) is the sole agency charged with regulating public utility service. The role of the PUCO is to assure all residential, business and industrial consumers have access to adequate, safe and reliable utility services at fair prices while facilitating an environment that provides competitive choices. Consumers with utility-related questions or concerns can call the PUCO Call Center at (800) 686-PUCO (7826) and speak with a representative.