Minutes of the Commission Meeting
August 22, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

Present:
Sam Randazzo, Chairman
M. Beth Trombold, Commissioner
Daniel R. Conway, Commissioner
Dennis P. Deters, Commissioner
Lawrence K. Friedeman, Commissioner
Angela Hawkins, Legal Director
Sarah Parrot, Gas Section, Legal Department
Megan Addison, Legal Department
Mary Fischer, Legal Department

This meeting was convened pursuant to the regular agenda issued on August 21, 2019, for the week of August 19, 2019.

The minutes of the August 14, 2019, Commission Meeting were approved by the Commissioners.

The Commission met for the purpose of considering the following cases and to act upon the proposed Entries and Orders.
Chairman Randazzo welcomed the students from Cristo Rey.

Electric:

1. 14-1297-EL-SSO Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and The Toledo Edison Company (Order on Remand) Approval moved and seconded, vote 3-0.

Gas:

2. 16-1181-GA-ACE One Source Energy, LLC (Finding and order considering application) Approval moved and seconded, vote 5-0.

Commissioner Conway noted that the underlying concern that led to this decision is safety related, not due to the facilities in the ground, but in the conduct of One Source falling short of their ongoing regulatory responsibilities, and particularly those that are related to the safe operation of their systems. Further stating that natural gas is inherently dangerous; we have to be careful that entities under our jurisdiction operate natural gas delivery systems do so safely.

Chairman Randazzo noted that One Source filed a notice on August 21st, indicating that it plans to retire and abandon its system through sale and that negotiations for this sale are ongoing with a number of gas utilities presently doing business in Ohio. He wished them good luck in this effort as a sale and transfer of One Source’s system and customers to a gas utility in good standing could be beneficial to the customers currently relying on One Source. Further noting, any such sale and transfer would require approval of the Commission and that nothing in today’s order eliminates the previously ordered September 6th deadline. He encouraged One Source to proceed with urgency. Additionally stating that the Commission remains deeply concerned about One Source’s noncompliance with statutes, the state of its finances, and its managerial capability. Therefore, we expect that on September 6th One Source will no longer be unlawfully supplying natural gas to consumers in this state – one way or the other.

Chairman Randazzo commended the Commission Staff for this resolution and highlighted the importance of oversight to ensure capability of utility companies.

There being no further business, the Commission Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:07 a.m.