

**STATE OF INDIANA  
INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**JOINT PETITION OF OHIO VALLEY GAS )  
CORPORATION AND OHIO VALLEY GAS, INC. )  
FOR (1) AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES )  
AND CHARGES FOR GAS UTILITY SERVICE, (2) )  
APPROVAL OF NEW SCHEDULES OF RATES AND ) CAUSE NO. 46011  
CHARGES, (3) APPROVAL OF DECOUPLING )  
THROUGH A NEW SALES RECONCILIATION )  
COMPONENT RIDER, AND (4) APPROVAL OF )  
NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE ACCOUNTING )  
RELIEF AND OTHER REQUESTS. )**

**JOINT PETITION**

Ohio Valley Gas Corporation ("OVGC") and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Ohio Valley Gas, Inc. ("OVGI") (collectively "Joint Petitioners" or "OVG") respectfully request that the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") issue an order (1) authorizing OVG to increase its rates and charges for gas service; (2) approving new schedules of rates and charges; (3) approving decoupling through a sales reconciliation component ("SRC") rider; (4) approval of necessary and appropriate accounting relief; and (5) other requests as described herein.

In accordance with the Commission's General Administrative Order ("GAO") 2013-5 (Rate Case Standard Procedural Schedule and Recommended Best Practices for Rate Cases Submitted under Ind. Code § 8-1-2-42.7) ("GAO 2013-5"), OVG hereby provides its Notice of Intent to File Information required under the Minimum Standard Filing Requirements ("MSFRs"), 170 IAC 1-5-1 *et seq.*, as applicable, to provide support for this Petition.

In support of this request, OVG shows the Commission:

1. **Organization, Business and Properties of Joint Petitioners.** Joint Petitioners are affiliated public utility corporations organized and existing under the laws of Indiana and have their principal office at 111 Energy Park Drive, Winchester, Indiana. They are engaged in rendering gas

utility service in Indiana, and own, operate, manage, and control, among other things, plant and equipment within the State of Indiana used for the distribution and furnishing of such service to the public. Joint Petitioners are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission in the manner and to the extent provided by the Public Service Commission Act, as amended, and other laws of Indiana. Joint Petitioners are both a “public utility” and a “gas utility” as defined in Ind. Code § 8-1-2-1 and are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission in the manner and to the extent provided by the laws of Indiana.

2. **Joint Petitioners’ Operations.** OVGI is a wholly owned subsidiary of OVGC. The Commission’s Order in Cause No. 44147 (IURC 12/5/2012) authorized OVGC and OVGI to combine their previously separate costs of service and tariffs and to make other changes reflecting their common operations, including use of a single tariff and General Rules and Regulations Applicable to Gas Service. OVGI holds and maintains certain small gas company contracts used to provide gas supply to OVGI’s customers at lower rates not available to OVG on a wider basis. OVGI is maintained as a separate corporate entity that continues to own plant and equipment providing gas service to customers. For all other purposes, OVGC and OVGI are operated as a single consolidated entity. OVG is engaged in the business of purchasing, transporting, distributing, storing, and selling natural gas to the public in Indiana and Ohio. OVG owns, operates, manages, and controls, among other things, plant, property, equipment, and facilities within Indiana which are used and useful for the production, transmission, distribution, and furnishing of natural gas service to approximately 28,576 residential, commercial and industrial customers in east central and southern Indiana and approximately 623 residential customers in west central Ohio. OVG renders such gas utility service by means of utility plant, property, equipment and related facilities owned, leased, operated, managed and controlled by it (collectively referred to as OVG’s “Utility Properties”) that are used and useful

for the convenience of the public in the production, treatment, transmission, distribution and sale of gas.

3. **Test Year and Rate Base Procedures.** Pursuant to Ind. Code § 8-1-2-42.7(d), OVG proposes and requests that a forward-looking test year be used in this proceeding based on projected data for the twelve (12)-month period ending September 30, 2025 (“Test Year”). The historic base period utilized by Joint Petitioners in this proceeding is the twelve (12) months ending September 30, 2023. Joint Petitioners are utilizing the Test Year end of September 30, 2025, as the general rate base cutoff date.

4. **Utility Properties.** OVG has maintained, and continues to maintain, its Utility Properties in a good state of operating condition, complying with all state and federal regulatory requirements and standards for gas utility operations. The original cost of OVG’s utility plant in service at September 30, 2024 (commencement of the Test Year), as adjusted, is projected to be approximately \$132,234,216. After adjustment for accumulated depreciation of approximately \$(74,146,772) and other adjustments of \$7,087,376, the net original cost of OVG’s rate base is projected to be approximately \$65,264,820 at the same date. The original cost of OVG’s utility plant in service at September 30, 2025 (end of Test Year), as adjusted, is projected to be approximately \$138,780,212. After adjustment for accumulated depreciation of approximately \$(78,096,166) and other adjustments of \$7,424,523 the net original cost of OVG’s rate base is projected to be approximately \$68,108,569 at the same date. The fair value of the Utility Properties is and will continue to be substantially in excess of the original cost thereof. Furthermore, in order to properly serve the public located in its service area and to discharge its duties as a public utility, OVG is continuing to make numerous additions, replacements and improvements to its utility systems.

5. **Existing Rates.** OVG’s current base rates, charges and tariffs; except as may have been amended from time to time by various GCA proceedings, or amended tariffs including those related to the repeal of the Utility Receipts Tax and related to Cause No. 45032 (the investigation into the impacts on Indiana utilities and customers resulting from the December 22, 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (“TCJA”)) and subdockets; are those base rates, charges, and tariffs last approved by this Commission in Cause No. 44891 through its Order dated October 17, 2017. The petition initiating Cause No. 44891 was filed with the Commission on December 15, 2016. Therefore, in accordance with Ind. Code § 8-1-2-42(a), more than fifteen months have passed since the filing of OVG’s most recent request for a general increase in its basic rates and charges.

6. OVG’s current gas depreciation rates were authorized by the Commission’s Order in Cause No. 44147 on December 5, 2012, and subsequently re-authorized in Cause Nos. 44317 (July 3, 2013) and 44891 (October 17, 2017). Joint Petitioners are not seeking a change in gas depreciation rates in this Cause.

7. Pursuant to Ind. Code § 8-1-2-42(g), OVG files a quarterly Gas Cost Adjustment (“GCA”) proceeding in Cause No. 44147-GCA-XX, to adjust its rates to account for fluctuation in its gas costs. OVG recovers through its GCA the actual cost of Unaccounted For Gas (“UAFG”) up to a maximum UAFG percentage of 0.8%, which was approved in OVG’s last base gas rate case in Cause No. 44891.

8. Pursuant to the Commission’s December 16, 2023, Order in Cause No. 45400 (“TDSIC Order”), OVG files a semi-annual proceeding in Cause No. 45400 TDSIC-XX to recover 80% of approved capital expenditures and TDSIC costs incurred in connection with OVG’s eligible transmission, distribution, and storage system improvements (“TDSIC Projects”). Also pursuant to

the TDSIC Order OVG has deferred 20% of the costs incurred in connection with its TDSIC Projects for recovery in base rate cases.

9. Pursuant to the Commission's July 3, 2013, Order in Cause No. 44317, OVG files an annual proceeding in Cause No. 44317 PSA-XX to recover the cost of certain eligible incremental costs incurred to comply with federal and state gas pipeline safety regulations affecting OVG's transmission and distribution facilities.

10. **Operating Results Under Existing Rates.** Since its basic rates and charges for utility service were last established, OVG has continued and will continue to make significant capital expenditures for additions, replacements and improvements to its Utility Properties outside of what is authorized under its TDSIC plan. Also, the fair value of OVG's Utility Properties has materially increased. At the same time, some expenses and other costs have increased. As a result, OVG's return upon its Utility Properties currently is, and without increase will be, below the level required to permit OVG to earn a fair return upon the fair value of its Utility Properties; to provide revenues which will enable it to continue to attract capital required for additions, replacements and improvements to its Utility Properties at a reasonable cost; to maintain and support OVG's credit; to assure confidence in OVG's financial soundness; and to earn a return on the value of its Utility Properties equal to that available on other investments of comparable risk. As a consequence, OVG's existing rates and charges now are and will continue to be insufficient to provide revenues adequate to cover its necessary and reasonable operating expenses and provide the opportunity to earn the fair return to which OVG is lawfully entitled. The existing rates of OVG, therefore, are unjust, unreasonable, insufficient, and confiscatory and should be increased.

11. **Proposed Rates and Charges.** OVG requests that new rates and charges be authorized which will enable OVG to realize a proper and adequate utility operating income, maintain

and support its credit, adequately service its outstanding securities, assure confidence in its financial soundness, allow OVG to earn a return equal to that available on other investments of comparable risk, and raise on fair and reasonable terms such amounts of additional capital as will be required to enable OVG to render safe, adequate and continuous gas service to the public. OVG proposes to cancel its existing rate schedules governing the gas utility service rendered by it and to file with the Commission in lieu thereof new schedules of rates and charges. The proposed rate schedules are set forth in the attachments to the direct testimony of Gary M. VerDouw, which OVG is filing herewith and will offer as evidence in this proceeding. As explained in the direct testimony of Mr. Gregory P. Roach OVG proposes to implement its rates in two steps. Upon issuance of the final Order approving new rates in this cause, OVG will file a compliance filing with new rates calculated and based on a used and useful rate base as of September 30, 2024, and the actual capital structure at that time. Following the end of the forecasted Test Year, OVG will file a final compliance filing with new rates based on used and useful Rate Base and actual capital structure as of September 30, 2025. Both the Step 1 and Step 2 submissions are proposed to take effect upon submission on an interim-subject-to-refund basis for a 60-day period during which the OUCC and any intervenors can submit objection. The combined total of both requested increases is 35.37% above customer bills under existing rates. The Step 1 increase is projected to be an increase of approximately 34% above customer bills under existing rates, with the remainder of the increase taking place in Step 2.

12. **Decoupling.** OVG requests approval of a decoupling mechanism to be implemented as a new SRC Rider. Pursuant to the Commission's final Order in *Southern Ind. Gas & Elec. Co. & Indiana Gas Co.*, Cause Nos. 42943 and 43046 (IURC 12/1/2006), p. 48, the Commission possesses jurisdiction to approve OVG's proposed SRC Rider pursuant to the Commission's traditional authority over rate design and rider mechanisms under Ind. Code § 8-1-2-42(a). The mechanics of the SRC Rider are fully described by OVG Witness Gary VerDouw in his direct testimony and attachment

filed contemporaneously herewith. Should the Commission approve the SRC Rider proposal, after the final Order in this Cause, OVG will begin to defer the calculated differences between Actual Margins and Adjusted Order Granted Margins for subsequent return or recovery via the SRC Rider. “Actual Margins” are OVG’s monthly margins for each Rate Schedule, prior to the SRC Rider adjustment. The “Adjusted Order Granted Margins” are the Order-granted monthly margins for each Rate Schedule as approved in the most recent general rate case filed by OVG as adjusted to reflect the changes in number of customers from the Order-granted levels. To reflect the change in number of customers, Order-granted margin per customer is multiplied by the change in number of customers since the like month during the test year, with the product being added to the Order-granted margins for such month. The calculated differences between the Actual Margins and the Adjusted Order Granted Margins would be recovered under the SRC Rider. OVG plans to update the SRC Rider annually for the accumulated monthly differences. OVG proposes that margin differences annually be capped at 5% of adjusted order-granted margins applicable to the previous year. Any actual margin differences more than the 5% SRC Rider cap will be deferred for future recovery either in a future SRC Rider filing, or in a future rate case. The accumulated monthly margin differences to be included in the SRC Rider shall be divided by projected sales volumes for each Rate Schedule to determine the applicable SRC. Projected and actual recoveries by Rate Schedule under the SRC will be reconciled, with any under or over recovery being recovered or returned over the next twelve-month period. The proposed SRC Rider tariff will not have any rates associated with it until twelve months have passed after receipt of the Final Order in this Cause. OVG will file a SRC Rider tariff update after that twelve-month period has passed, using data from that twelve-month period to prepare any under- or over- margin recovery under the terms of the SRC Rider. That SRC Rider tariff update will include new SRC rates for OVG customers.

13. **Submission of Case in Chief and Other Supporting Documentation.** OVG is filing its case-in-chief, including the information required by subsection (b) of Ind. Code § 8-1-2-42.7 (“Section 42.7”), contemporaneous with this Joint Petition. As recognized in the Commission’s GAO 2013-5, a future test year does not align with all of the Commission’s pre-existing MSFRs. OVG has used the MSFRs as guidance as to the categories of information that are appropriate for inclusion as working papers and has provided supporting documentation in line with the Commission’s MSFRs, modified where appropriate to conform with the forward-looking test year authorized by Section 42.7. Attached hereto as Attachment A, in accordance with GAO 2020-05, is the Index of Issues, Requests, and Supporting Witnesses for OVG’s case-in-chief.<sup>1</sup> Further, the schedules identified in Section IV of the Commission’s GAO 2020-5 in the form required therein is included in Joint Petitioners’ Exhibit No. 8 Schedule REVREQ7.2.

14. OVG’s case-in-chief, workpapers and other information required by GAO 2020-05, GAO 2013-5, the MSFRs, and Ind. Code § 8-1-2-42.7, are being filed contemporaneous with this Joint Petition to aid the Commission in processing this Joint Petition, as modified in accordance with the statements above. OVG’s workpapers and supporting documentation are provided electronically and/or on CD (in Excel format where appropriate), including the supporting workpapers for all forward-looking proposed adjustments, the cost-of-service study and the proposed cost of equity and fair rate of return.

15. In accordance with the guidance provided by GAO 2013-5, OVG provided its Notice of Intent to File Rate Case to the Commission on November 15, 2023. This Notice was provided at

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<sup>1</sup> This Index of OVG’s case-in-chief is intended to highlight issues and is not an exhaustive list of OVG’s requests for relief in this proceeding. A complete account of OVG’s requested relief can be found in OVG’s case-in-chief, including but not limited to its petition, testimony, exhibits, workpapers, and MSFR responses.



least 30 days prior to the date of filing this Joint Petition. OVG also met with the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (“OUCC”) to discuss the filing prior to filing.

16. **Confidential Information.** Contemporaneous with this filing, Joint Petitioners are filing a Motion for Protection of Confidential Information in accordance with 170 IAC 1-1.1-4 and to otherwise comply with 170 IAC 1-5-3. The filing of this motion is necessary and appropriate to protect confidential information included in the Joint Petitioners’ filing. The confidential information will be submitted once the Commission has issued an order preliminarily granting Joint Petitioners’ Motion. The Joint Petitioners will work with the OUCC and other intervenors to negotiate an acceptable nondisclosure agreement to facilitate the production of confidential information as appropriate. Pursuant to 170 IAC 1-5-15(e)(2), the electronic copy of the cost-of-service study is to be treated as confidential and protected from disclosure to the public under Ind. Code § 5-14-3-4 and Ind. Code § 8-1-2-29.

17. **Prehearing Conference and Preliminary Hearing Requested.** Pursuant to 170 IAC 1-1.1-9(8), Joint Petitioners have been in contact with the OUCC regarding a procedural schedule in this matter, but agreement has not been reached. The procedural schedule which Joint Petitioners have proposed and continue to propose is attached hereto as Attachment B. Joint Petitioners will continue to coordinate with the OUCC in an effort to reach agreement as to the procedural schedule. OVG’s proposed schedule endeavors to preserve in all instances the time set forth in the GAO 2013-5 for Commission review of the case.

OVG requests that the Commission approve the procedural schedule set forth in Attachment B or otherwise promptly conduct a prehearing conference and preliminary hearing in this proceeding pursuant to 170 IAC 1-1.1-15(b) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure for the purpose of fixing a procedural schedule in this proceeding and considering other procedural matters.

18. **Customer Notification.** In accordance with Ind. Code § 8-1-2-61(a), OVG will publish notice of the filing of this Joint Petition, in a newspaper of general circulation in each Indiana county in which OVG renders service. OVG will provide its customers with a notice summarizing the nature and extent of the proposed changes as required by the Commission's rules. These notices will be late-filed as attachments to the direct testimony of Emily M. Harlow. The published notice will also be posted on OVG's website.

19. **Applicable Statutory Provisions.** OVG considers that the provisions of Ind. Code §§ 8-1-2-4, -6, -7, -10, -12, -19, -20, -21, -23, -29, -42, -42.7, -61, -68 and -71, among others, are applicable to the subject matter of this Joint Petition.

20. **Attorneys for Joint Petitioners.** The names and addresses of OVG's duly authorized representatives, to whom all correspondence and communications concerning this Joint Petition should be sent, are as follows:

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WHEREFORE, Joint Petitioners respectfully request that the Commission approve the procedural schedule set forth in this Joint Petition or otherwise promptly conduct a prehearing

conference and preliminary hearing in this proceeding; make such investigation and hold such hearings as are necessary or advisable; and thereafter, issue an Order in this Cause in accordance with the timeframe established in Section 42.7 and GAO 2013-5:

- (a) Finding that OVG's existing rates for gas utility service are unjust, unreasonable, insufficient, confiscatory and inadequate to provide the opportunity to earn a fair return on the fair value of OVG's Utility Properties used and useful for the convenience of the public in rendering gas utility service;
- (b) Determining, and by order fixing, increased gas service rates and charges to be imposed, observed and followed in the future by OVG in lieu of those found to be unjust, unreasonable, insufficient and confiscatory;
- (c) Authorizing and approving the filing by OVG of new schedules of increased rates and charges applicable to the gas utility service rendered by OVG so as to provide just, reasonable, sufficient and non-confiscatory rates;
- (d) Approving various changes in the terms, conditions and provisions of OVG's Tariff for Gas Service (including rates, charges, rules, riders and appendices) as described herein and in OVG's case-in-chief;
- (e) Authorizing and approving OVG's SRC Rider as described herein and in OVG's case-in-chief;
- (f) Granting accounting authority necessary to implement the relief authorized in a Final Order in this Cause;
- (g) Approving the other requests set forth in this Joint Petition and in OVG's evidence herein; and

(h) Granting to OVG such other and further relief as may be appropriate and proper.

DATED this 7th day of February, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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**Ohio Valley Gas Corporation ("OVGC") and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Ohio Valley Gas, Inc. ("OVGI") (collectively "Joint Petitioners " or "OVG")**

**2024 Gas Rate Case  
Index of Issues, Requests, and Supporting Witnesses<sup>1</sup>**

| <b>Subject</b>         | <b>GENERAL</b>                          | <b>Supporting Witness (Joint Petitioners' Exhibit No. reference)</b>                        |
|------------------------|---|---|
| Test Year              | Twelve Months Ended September, 2025.    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roach (No. 3)</li> <li>• Harlow (No. 5)</li> </ul> |
| Historical Base Period | Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2023. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roach (No. 3)</li> <li>• Harlow (No. 5)</li> </ul> |

**REVENUE REQUIREMENT**

| <b>Subject</b>           | <b>Request</b>  | <b>Supporting Witness</b>  |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| Overall Revenue Increase | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total increase projected to be \$12,062,051, or approximately 35% from pro forma revenues at current rates.</li> </ul>                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Williams (No. 1) (overview and drivers)</li> <li>• Roach (No. 3) (overall revenue requirement).</li> <li>• Exhibit No. 8, Schedules REVREQ7.2 and 12</li> </ul>   |
| Financial Forecast       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set rates based on Test Year financial forecast.</li> <li>• Reflect forecasted revenues O&amp;M and capital investments in rates.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harlow (No. 5) (overall development of Test Year forecast and adjustments to rate base and pro forma net operating income)</li> <li>• Bailey (No. 2) (capital forecast)</li> <li>• Ingram (No. 4) (Medical and Labor forecast)</li> </ul> |
| Return on Equity (ROE)   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorize 11% ROE.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bulkley (No. 7)</li> </ul>  |

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| <b>Subject</b>                          | <b>Request</b>   | <b>Supporting Witness</b>  |
|---|--|--|
| Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Authorize forecasted WACC of 9.44% applied to original cost rate base.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roach (No. 3) (Capital structure, cost of debt, financing activity).</li> <li>• Bulkley (No. 7) (ROE).</li> <li>• Exhibit No. 8, Schedule REVREQ10 (Capital Structure)</li> </ul> |
| Compensation and Benefits               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Headcount and medical and other benefits</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ingram (No. 4)</li> </ul>   |
| Taxes                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflect forecasted Test Year tax expense in base rates.</li> <li>• Apply gross revenue conversion factor (“GRCF”).</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harlow (No. 5) (Forecasted taxes)</li> <li>• Roach (No. 3) (GRCF)</li> <li>• Exhibit No. 8, Schedule REVREQ10</li> </ul>  |

### **COST OF SERVICE AND RATE DESIGN**

| <b>Subject</b>               | <b>Proposal</b>   | <b>Supporting Witness</b>   |
|------------------------------|---|---|
| Cost of Service Study (COSS) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Propose gradualism to move classes closer to cost of service.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VerDouw (No. 6) (COSS, allocation factors).</li> </ul> |
| Overall Rate Design          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allocation of revenue increase.</li> <li>• Better alignment of fixed costs with rate design through approval of changes to monthly facilities charge.</li> <li>• Continue move to single tariff pricing</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VerDouw (No. 6) (rate design).</li> </ul>              |
| Decoupling                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sales Reconciliation Component (“SRC”) Rider</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VerDouw (No. 6)</li> </ul>                             |

**ATTACHMENT B**

| <b>Day(week)</b>               | <b>Per GAO</b>   | <b>Action</b>  | <b>Comments</b>  |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| 0                              | Wednesday., February 7, 2024                             | Petition/Case-in-Chief   |  |
| 28 (week 4)                    | Wednesday, March 6, 2024                                 | Prehearing Conference (if necessary)   |  |
| 49 (week 7)                    | Wednesday, March 27, 2024                                | Technical Conferences  | Not needed   |
| 77 (week 11)                   | Wednesday, April 24, 2024                                | Field Hearing  | Required   |
| 98 (week 14)                   | Wednesday, May 15, 2024                                  | OUC & Intervenors Case-in-Chief  |  |
| 126 (week 18)                  | Wednesday, June 12, 2024                                 | Rebuttal/Cross-Answering   |  |
| 133 (week 19)                  | Wednesday, June 19, 2024                                 | Settlement Agreement and supporting testimony. Per GAO 2013-5 this is last day to submit settlement agreement with supporting testimony and maintain overall schedule. |  |
| 3 business days before hearing |  | Witness Order submitted  |  |
| 147-161 (weeks 21 & 22)        | Wednesday, July 3, 2024 through Wednesday, July 17, 2024 | Evidentiary Hearing  | Mon., July 15, 2024 though Fri., July 19, 2024 (Day 159-163) |
| 182 (week 26)                  | Wednesday, August 7, 2024                                | OVG Proposed Order   |  |
| 203 (week 29)                  | Wednesday, August 28, 2024                               | OUC & Intervenors Proposed Order   |  |
| 210 (week 30)                  | Wednesday, September 4, 2024                             | OVG Reply Brief  |  |
| (90 days) from exceptions date | Wednesday, December 4, 2024                              | Issuance of order  |  |



## ATTACHMENT B

### **Other terms:**

Technical Conference: Nothing in this schedule precludes a party from proposing a technical conference.

Service: The parties will provide same day service of filings via email, hand delivery or large file transfer.

Discovery: Discovery is available to all parties and shall be conducted on an informal basis. Any response or objection to a discovery request shall be made within ten (10) calendar days of the receipt of such request until the OUCC & Intervenors Case-in-Chief filings on Wednesday, May 15, 2024. Thereafter, any response or objection to a discovery request shall be made within five (5) calendar days of the receipt of such request. Discovery requests served after 5:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday or after noon on Friday or the day preceding a legal holiday will be deemed served the following business day (all times are Eastern Time). The last discovery response due date shall be two (2) business days before the evidentiary hearing. The Parties may conduct discovery through electronic means. Subject to the protection of confidential information, all parties will be served with discovery requests and responses.

Workpapers: When pre-filing technical evidence with the Commission, each party shall file copies of the work papers used to produce that evidence within two (2) business days after the pre-filing of such technical evidence. Copies of the same shall also be served on the other parties to this Cause.

Number of Copies/Corrections: Filings with the Commission shall comply with General Administrative Order 2016-2. Any corrections to prefiled testimony shall be made in writing as soon as possible after discovery of the need to make such corrections.

Objections to Prefiled Testimony and Attachments: Any objections to the admissibility of prefiled testimony or attachments shall be filed with the Commission and served on all parties of record not less than five (5) business days prior to the date scheduled for commencement of the hearing at which the testimony or exhibit will be offered into the record.

Temporary Rates: This schedule does not address temporary rates.

Settlement: Per GAO 2013-5, settlement date this is the last day to submit settlement agreement with supporting testimony and maintain overall schedule. If settlement covers less than all the parties, the schedule may need to be modified to accommodate testimony objecting to settlement and contested settlement hearing.