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Ms. Renee J. Jenkins Docketing Department Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street, 13th Floor Columbus OH 43215

Re: Case No. 07-589-GA-AIR: In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for an Increase in Rates; Case No. 07-590-GA-ALT: In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for Approval of an Alternative Rate Plan for Gas Distribution Service; Case No. 07-591-GA-AAM: In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for Approval to Change Accounting Methods.

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

In compliance with DE-Ohio's Stipulation and Recommendation filed in the above-referenced case docket on February 28, 2008, DE-Ohio, with the participation of interested stakeholders and the Commission Staff, has established a low-income pilot program.

Please find four copies of DE-Ohio's tariffs for Rate RSLI and RFTLI, which correspond with the established low-income pilot program. Should you have any questions or concerns related to this request, please contact me at 513-419-1856.

Kind Regards

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RATE RSLI

RESIDENTIAL SERVICE LOW INCOME PILOT

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to gas service required for residential purposes when supplied at one point of delivery where distribution mains are adjacent to the premises to be served. Eligible customers are non-PIPP, low usage residential customers at or below 175% of poverty level who use 900 CCF or less annually. The total number of customers that may receive service under Rate RSLI and Rate RFTLI is 10,000.

NET MONTHLY BILL

The Net Monthly Bill is determined as follows: All delivered gas is billed in units of 100 cubic feet (CCF).

The following charges are effective June 4, 2008 through Septem	•
Fixed Delivery Service Charge per month	\$11.00
Plus the applicable charge per month as set forth on Sheet No. 65, Rider AMRP, Accelerated Main Replacement Program and Sheet No. 88, Rider AU, Advanced Utility Rider.	
Plus a Usage-Based Charge for All CCF	\$0.401134 per CCF

The following charges are effective with	the October 2008 billing cycles through May 2009
billing cycles on a bills rendered basis:	
Fixed Delivery Service Charge per month	\$16.25

Plus the applicable charge per month as set forth on Sheet No. 65, Rider AMRP, Accelerated Main Replacement Program and Sheet No. 88, Rider AU, Advanced Utility Rider.

Plus a Usage-Based Charge for All CCF

\$0.107044 per CCF

Filed pursuant to a Stipulation dated February 28, 2008 in Case Nos. 07-589-GA-AIR, 07-590-GA-ALT and 07-591-GA-AAM before the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

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The following charges are effective with the June 2009 billing cycle on a bills rendered basis:Fixed Delivery Service Charge per month\$21.33

Plus the applicable charge per month as set forth on Sheet No. 65, Rider AMRP, Accelerated Main Replacement Program and Sheet No. 88, Rider AU, Advanced Utility Rider.

Plus a Usage-Based Charge for All CCF

\$0.040828 per CCF

Plus, all delivered gas shall be subject to an adjustment per CCF as set forth on: Sheet No. 63, Rider PIPP, Percentage of Income Payment Plan.
Sheet No. 67, Rider UE-G, Uncollectible Expense Rider
Sheet No. 68, Rider STR, State Tax Rider.
Sheet No. 71, Rider GCRR, Gas Cost Recovery Rate.
Sheet No. 76, Rider CCCR, Contract Commitment Cost Recovery Rider.

EXCISE TAX RIDER

The net monthly bill shall be adjusted by application of the percent specified on Sheet No. 64, Rider ETR, Ohio Excise Tax Liability Rider, except that finance charges are excluded in the computation of the net bill.

MINIMUM BILL

The monthly minimum bill shall be the monthly Fixed Delivery Service Charge and applicable charge under Rider AMRP and Rider AU shown above, plus the percentage specified in Rider ETR, Sheet No. 64, Ohio Excise Tax Liability Rider.

LATE PAYMENT CHARGE

Payment of the total amount due must be received in the Company's office by the due date shown on the bill. When not so paid, an additional amount equal to one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the unpaid balance is due and payable. However, this provision is not applicable to:

- (1) customers actively enrolled on the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) pursuant to Rule 4901:1-18-04(B), Ohio Administrative Code;
- (2) the unpaid account balances of those customers being backbilled in accordance with Section 4933.28 Ohio Revised Code; and
- (3) the unpaid account balances of those customers on other Commission approved deferred payment plans or the Budget Billing Plan, except that a late payment charge may be assessed on any deferred payment plan or Budget Billing Plan amount not timely paid.

LATE PAYMENT CHARGE (Cont'd.)

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At a residential customer's request, the Company will waive a late payment charge where the current charge is the only late payment charge levied in the most recent twelve month period.

SERVICE REGULATIONS

The supplying of, and billing for, service and all conditions applying thereto, are subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and to Company's Service Regulations currently in effect, as filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, as provided by law.

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RATE RFTLI

RESIDENTIAL FIRM TRANSPORTATION SERVICE -- LOW INCOME

AVAILABILITY

Firm transportation service for residential purposes, which is provided from the Company's city gate receipt points to the outlet side of Company's meter. Service is available to eligible residential customers, except for those customers whose utility service accounts are past due at the time customer desires to utilize this service. Eligible customers are non-PIPP, low usage residential customer at or below 175% of poverty level who use 900 CCF or less annually. The total number of customers that may receive service under Rate RSLI and Rate RFTLI is 10,000. The Company may terminate a customer's supplier contract for non-payment and return the customer to the Company's sales service only if: (1) the Supplier has made an affirmative request for the Company to act as its agent to terminate customer contracts for non-payment; and (2) the Supplier has included in its customer contracts, a notice that the Company can terminate such contracts for non-payment. Where the Supplier is performing its own billing of the gas supply, termination of the agreement will be at the discretion of the Supplier, as specified in the Supplier contracts for service. In either case, the Supplier or the Company shall give no less than 30 days written notice that the customer will be switched from the Supplier and revert to the Company unless the past due amount is paid by the customer's next scheduled bill due date. If the past due amount is paid by the next scheduled bill due date, the customer will not revert to the Company and will remain with the Supplier. If the Company provides the late payment notice to the customer, it will send a copy of the notice to the customer's Supplier. A customer must enter into an agreement with a Supplier who meets the Company's requirements for participation in this pooling program pursuant to Rate FRAS, Sheet No. 44.

Gas transported under this tariff shall be for customer's sole use at one point of delivery where distribution mains are adjacent to the premises to be served. Any gas provided hereunder shall be provided by displacement.

Residential customers who are enrolled in income payment plans pursuant to Rule 4901:1-18-04(B), Ohio Administrative Code (PIPP Customers), shall be provided their alternative gas supply service exclusively through their own supply pool, for which gas is provided by a willing Supplier whose bid has been approved by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

DEFINITIONS

Terms used in this tariff are defined in the same manner as set forth in Rate FRAS, Sheet No. 44.

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CHANGES IN CUSTOMERS' SERVICE ELECTIONS

Customers who elect service under this tariff and later return to Company's sales service may do so only in accordance with the requirements of the Company's tariffs and applicable regulations of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. If a customer voluntarily elects to return to the Company's sales service, all incremental gas procurement, upstream transportation, and storage costs incurred by the Company in order to return a customer to sales service shall be borne by customer pursuant to the Commission's Gas Transportation Program Guidelines adopted in Case No. 85-800-GA-COI.

TRANSFER OF SERVICE

Customers may transfer from one Supplier's pool to any other Supplier's pool or revert to the Company's sales service upon payment of a \$4.00 switching fee. If the Company's firm transportation program terminates, or if the Company terminates a customer's Supplier's participation in the Company's transportation program, the customer may revert to the Company's sales service without paying the switching fee.

After the Company installs additional information system capability on or before September 1, 2007, a customer participating in a governmental aggregation will not be subject to the switching fee, regardless of whether the customer returns to the Company's sales service from the governmental aggregation or the governmental aggregator chooses to switch its aggregation to a different Supplier.

NET MONTHLY BILL

The Net Monthly Bill is determined as follows: All delivered gas is billed in units of 100 cubic feet (CCF).

The following charges are effective June 4, 2008 through September 30, 2008:

Fixed Delivery Service Charge per month

\$11.00

Plus the applicable charge per month as set forth on Sheet No. 65, Rider AMRP, Accelerated Main Replacement Program and Sheet No. 88, Rider AU, Advanced Utility Rider.

Plus a Usage-Based Charge per CCF for each CCF of gas transported for customer from Company's city-gate measuring stations to the outlet side of Company's meter used to measure deliveries to customer at: All CCF

\$0.401134 per CCF

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Fixed Delivery Service Charge per month

\$16.25

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Plus the applicable charge per month as set forth on Sheet No. 65, Rider AMRP, Accelerated Main Replacement Program and Sheet No. 88, Rider AU, Advanced Utility Rider.

Plus a Usage-Based Charge per CCF for each CCF of gas transported for customer from Company's city-gate measuring stations to the outlet side of Company's meter used to measure deliveries to customer at: All CCF \$0.107044 per CCF

The following charges are effective with the June 2009 billing cycle on a bills rendered basis:Fixed Delivery Service Charge per month\$21.33

Plus the applicable charge per month as set forth on Sheet No. 65, Rider AMRP, Accelerated Main Replacement Program and Sheet No. 88, Rider AU, Advanced Utility Rider.

Plus a Usage-Based Charge per CCF for each CCF of gas transported for customer from Company's city-gate measuring stations to the outlet side of Company's meter used to measure deliveries to customer at: All CCF

Plus, all transported gas shall be subject to an adjustment per CCF as set forth on: Sheet No. 63, Rider PIPP, Percentage of Income Payment Plan.
Sheet No. 66, Rider GSR, Gas Surcredit Rider
Sheet No. 67, Rider UE-G, Uncollectible Expense Rider
Sheet No. 68, Rider STR, State Tax Rider.
Sheet No. 76, Rider CCCR, Contract Commitment Cost Recovery Rider.

Plus, or minus, rate adjustments which may occur as a result of changes in the rates of interstate pipelines, or of rulings of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and/or the Federal Energy

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Regulatory Commission, and for which it is determined that all customers should be allocated some portion of the corresponding costs or refunds.

In addition, the net monthly bill, as calculated above, shall be adjusted by application of the percent specified on Sheet No. 64, Rider ETR, Ohio Excise Tax Liability Rider, except that finance charges are excluded in the computation of the net bill.

Customer and/or its Suppliers shall be responsible for the collection and payment of excise taxes, revenue taxes, or similar taxes on the gas supplies that customer purchases from its Supplier.

MINIMUM BILL

The monthly minimum bill shall be the Fixed Delivery Service Charge and applicable charge under Rider AMRP and Rider AU shown above plus the percentage specified in Rider ETR, Sheet No. 64, the Ohio Excise Tax Liability Rider.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. Approved Supplier List

Company shall maintain a list of qualified Suppliers from which customer can choose. Such list shall include Suppliers who sign a Gas Supply Aggregation/Customer Pooling Agreement in which Supplier agrees to participate in, and abide by Company's requirements for, its pooling program. This list shall be available to any customer upon request.

2. Applications and Service Date

A customer who desires service under this tariff shall apply through its chosen Supplier. Unless the Company determines that the customer is not eligible to become a transportation customer of the Supplier, the Company shall transfer the customer to the Supplier's pool on the customer's next regularly scheduled meter reading date that is twelve (12) or more calendar days from the date the Company receives the transfer request from the Supplier. The Company shall notify the Supplier of the actual transfer date.

A customer may request termination of service under this tariff and return to the Company's sales service by notifying the Company, and the request will become effective on the customer's next regularly scheduled meter reading date that is twelve (12) or more calendar days from the receipt of such notification. In the event that a customer is returned to sales service for non-payment, the Supplier shall provide the Company with notice of termination and shall comply with all notice requirements of the Suppliers' Code of Conduct set forth in Rate FRAS, Sheet No. 44.

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3. Delivery Pressure and Gas Composition

Gas service under this tariff shall be at the pressure that is currently available at customer's premise.

RUCO Ger No. 18

During severe weather periods, Company must sometimes supplement its flowing gas supplies with propane-air gas produced at peaking plants located at various points on Company's system. While Company attempts to manufacture such gas at a heating value roughly equivalent to the heating value of its flowing gas supplies, it is not always able to do so.

4. Regulatory Approvals

Customer's Supplier shall be responsible for making all necessary arrangements and securing all requisite regulatory or governmental approvals, certificates or permits to enable gas to be delivered to Company's system.

LATE PAYMENT CHARGE

Payment of the total amount due must be received in Company's office by the due date shown on the bill. When not so paid, an additional amount equal to one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the unpaid balance of the bill is due and payable. However, this provision is not applicable to:

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- (3) the unpaid account balances of those customers on other Commission-approved deferred payment plans or the Budget Billing Plan, except that a late payment charge may be assessed on any deferred payment plan or Budget Billing Plan amount not timely paid.
- (4) the unpaid gas commodity portion of account balances of those customers served by a Supplier participating in the Company's Choice Program where Company has not agreed to purchase the Supplier's accounts receivable.

At a residential customer's request, the Company will waive a late payment charge where the current charge is the only late payment charge levied in the most recent twelve month period.

SERVICE REGULATIONS

The supplying of, and billing for, service, and all conditions applying thereto, are subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and to Company's Service Rules and Regulations currently in effect as filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and as provided by law and by the regulations of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.