# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. for Approval of an Adjustment to its Uncollectible Expense Rider Rate.	) )	Case No. 15-0320-GA-UEX
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# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc.	)	Case No. 15-320-GA-UEX
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Uncollectible Expense Rider Rate.	)	

## **APPLICATION**

Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. ("VEDO" or "the Company") hereby submits its annual Uncollectible Expense ("UEX") Rider Report and respectfully requests approval to revise its UEX Rider rate. In support of its Application, VEDO states as follows:

- In its December 17, 2003 Finding and Order ("December 17 Order")
  in Case No. 03-1127-GA-UNC, the Public Utilities Commission of
  Ohio ("PUCO" or "Commission") approved an application for
  authority to establish a UEX Rider for VEDO and several other
  natural gas companies.
- By Entry dated April 7, 2004, in Case No. 03-2571-GA-ATA, the Commission approved VEDO's initial UEX Rider rate. VEDO filed final tariffs consistent with the April 7, 2004 Entry on April 16, 2004, effective as of that date.
- 3. In the December 17 Order, the Commission directed VEDO (and the other companies subject to that order) to file a yearly report that

identifies amounts recovered, deferred, and amortized pursuant to the UEX Rider. The Staff, in its report filed March 9, 2004, in Case No. 03-2571-GA-ATA, recommended that the information be provided in the format of Attachment A to that report. VEDO's 2015 report, in that format, is Attachment 1 to this Application. In its August 19, 2009 Finding and Order in Case No. 08-1229-GA-COI, the Commission ordered that the yearly report should include the UEX balance at the beginning of the reporting year; additions to the UEX balance, including the vintage of the additions during the calendar year; and credits to the UEX balance during the calendar year. VEDO has incorporated this additional information into Attachment 3 to this Application.

- 4. VEDO proposes a revised UEX Rider rate of \$0.00854 per Ccf. The rate is comprised of: (1) the balance of deferred uncollectible accounts expense net of recoveries as of April 30, 2015 and (2) an estimate of net uncollectible accounts expense and recoveries for the 12 months ending April 30, 2016. The calculation of the revised rate is shown on Attachment 2 hereto.
- 5. Sheet No. 39 of the Company's tariff for gas service states that VEDO shall file an application with the PUCO requesting approval to change the rate if the Company determines that an adjustment of more than plus or minus ten percent is needed. VEDO has projected its net UEX through April 2016, and has added to that the existing

deferred balance in the UEX Rider account. The sum of these two components, divided by projected annual volumes, yields the proposed revised UEX Rider rate. The proposed UEX Rider rate is more than ten percent greater than the currently effective rate.

- 6. The portion of the proposed UEX Rider rate attributable to estimated UEX is derived by subtracting from the estimated charge-off amount the estimated dollars attributable to agency assistance and customer payments.
- 7. The resulting rate of \$0.00854 per Ccf is just and reasonable and should be approved. Copies of the proposed and red-lined current tariff sheets are Attachment 4 to this Application.

WHEREFORE, VEDO respectfully requests that the Commission approve the new UEX Rider rate proposed herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF OHIO, INC. Uncollectible Expense Rider** 2014 Annual Balance Reconciliation

Line No.	Description	Jan-14	Feb-14	Mar-14	Apr-14	May-14	Jun-14		Jul-14	Aug	j-14	Sep-14	Oct-14	Nov-14	Dec-14	 Total
1	Balance - Beginning of Month	\$ (325,633) \$	(190,569) \$	(133,672) \$	(86,714) \$	(18,563) \$	127,53	5 \$	364,493	\$ 94	40,444 \$	1,627,004	\$ 2,083,461	\$ 2,514,340	\$ 2,091,040	\$ (325,633)
2	Bad Debts Written Off (b)	\$ 59,046 \$	(22,764) \$	(19,580) \$	48,398 \$	149,860 \$	243,97	5 \$	620,774	\$ 70	65,192 \$	554,058	\$ 684,173	\$ 32,841	\$ 72,310	\$ 3,188,283
3	Other															\$ -
4	Recovery - Uncollectible Expense Rider (a)	\$ (147,999) \$	(123,139) \$	(93,830) \$	(37,339) \$	(18,437) \$	(13,42	3) \$	36,845	\$ :	39,715 \$	47,069	\$ 120,460	\$ 296,185	\$ 359,463	\$ 465,571
5	Recovery - Other (b)	\$ 71,943 \$	43,454 \$	27,277 \$	17,586 \$	22,207 \$	20,488	в \$	8,077	\$ :	39,091 \$	50,823	\$ 133,195	\$ 160,342	\$ 84,487	\$ 678,969
6	Incremental Uncollectible Expense [[2 + 3 - (4+5)]	\$ 135,102 \$	56,921 \$	46,972 \$	68,151 \$	146,090 \$	236,91	1 \$	575,852	\$ 68	86,386 \$	456,166	\$ 430,517	\$ (423,686)	\$ (371,639)	\$ 2,043,743
7	Balance Subtotal [1+6]	\$ (190,531) \$	(133,648) \$	(86,699) \$	(18,563) \$	127,527 \$	364,446	6 \$	940,345	\$ 1,62	26,830 \$	2,083,170	\$ 2,513,978	\$ 2,090,654	\$ 1,719,401	\$ 1,718,110
8	Carrying Charges [((1+7) X 65%) X .50 X (c)]	\$ (38) \$	(24) \$	(14) \$	(0) \$	8 \$	4	7 \$	99 \$	\$	174 \$	291	\$ 361	\$ 387	\$ 423	\$ 1,714
9	Balance - End of Month [7 + 8]	\$ (190,569) \$	(133,672) \$	(86,714) \$	(18,563) \$	127,535 \$	364,493	3 \$	940,444	\$ 1,62	27,004 \$	2,083,461	\$ 2,514,340	\$ 2,091,040	\$ 1,719,824	\$ 1,719,824

<sup>(</sup>a) Represents calendar uncollectible expense rider revenues.

(b) See write-off vintage and recovery source detail required by Case No. 08-1229-GA-COI on Attachment 3. Bad debt write-offs include account balances restored due to the moratorium. (c) Monthly carrying charge rate

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## **VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF OHIO, INC.** Uncollectible Expense Rider 2015 Annual Balance Reconciliation

Line No.	Description	J	Jan-15	Feb-15	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	 Total
1	Balance - Beginning of Month	\$	1,719,824 \$	1,265,248	\$ 688,492 \$	377,664									\$ 1,719,824
2	Bad Debts Written Off (b)	\$	71,290 \$	(25,611)	\$ 23,472 \$	61,884									\$ 131,035
3	Other														\$ -
4	Recovery - Uncollectible Expense Rider (a)	\$	475,885 \$	491,639	\$ 314,751 \$	140,086									\$ 1,422,360
5	Recovery - Other (b)	\$	50,305 \$	59,681	\$ 19,665 \$	29,093									\$ 158,743
6	Incremental Uncollectible Expense [[2 + 3 - (4+5)] §	\$	(454,899) \$	(576,930)	\$ (310,944) \$	(107,295)									\$ (1,450,068)
7	Balance Subtotal [1+6]	\$	1,264,924 \$	688,318	\$ 377,549 \$	270,369									\$ 269,756
8	Carrying Charges [((1+7) X 65%) X .50 X (c)]	\$	323 \$	175	\$ 115 \$	63									\$ 677
9	Balance - End of Month [7 + 8]	\$	1,265,248 \$	688,492	\$ 377,664 \$	270,433									\$ 270,433

(a) Represents calendar uncollectible expense rider revenues.
(b) See write-off vintage and recovery source detail required by Case No. 08-1229-GA-COI on Attachment 3.
(c) Monthly carrying charge rate

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Bad debt write-offs include account balances restored due to the moratorium.

## VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF OHIO, INC

## Uncollectible Expense Rider Calculation Report for May 2015

Line No.	 Col. A  Amount	Col. B Applicable Volumes (Mcf)	 Col. C Unit Rate /Mcf
1 Actual Deferred Uncollectible Expense Balance through April 2015	\$ 270,433		
2 Projected Net Uncollectible Expense: May 2015 - April 2016	\$ 2,500,000		
3 Unit Rate on which to Collect	\$ 2,770,433	32,427,883	\$ 0.08540
4 Prior approved UEX Rider Rate Effective July 11, 2014			\$ 0.06800
5 Increase/(Decrease) in Uncollectible Expense Rider			\$ 0.01740

#### VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF OHIO, INC. Uncollectible Expense Rider Write-Off and Collection Summary

Line														
<u>#</u>	Bad Debts Written off by Vintage (a)													
	·	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2014	2015	2015	2015	2015	
	<u>Vintage</u>	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	Total
1	1-6 Months	(255,528)	(482,417)	(1,010,226)	(1,164,682)	(942,532)	(1,400,231)	(588,693)	(564,685)	(381,251)	(200,092)	(268,398)	(236,089)	(7,494,823.83)
2	6-12 months	6,291	2,406	9,393	(289)	(9,284)	31,327	112,475	30,071	19,319	(135)	1,785	(16,543)	186,815.85
3	> 12 months (b)	22,321	48,366	28,465	22,452	31,531	160,413	762,606	539,521	284,972	340,726	169,635	157,082	2,568,090
4	Subtotal	(226,916)	(431,645)	(972,368)	(1,142,519)	(920,285)	(1,208,491)	286,388	4,906	(76,960)	140,499	(96,978)	(95,550)	(4,739,918)
5	Other Write-Off Activity											342	(229)	113
6	PIPP Bad Debt Write-Offs	(77,056)	(187,669)	(351,594)	(377,328)	(366,227)	(524,319)	319,229	77,216	(5,670)	114,889	(73,164)	(33,894)	(1,485,586)
7	Total Bad Debts Written Off (Attachment 1)	(149,860)	(243,976)	(620,774)	(765,192)	(554,058)	(684,173)	(32,841)	(72,310)	(71,290)	25,611	(23,472)	(61,884)	(3,254,218)
	Collections by Type													
	Collections by Type	2014 May	2014	2014	2014	2014 Santambar	2014 Octobor	2014	2014	2015	2015	2015 March	2015	Total
0		May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	Total
8	From Customers	May 41,928	June 39,508	July 35,010	August 52,377	September 86,959	October 171,309	November 199,279	December 147,117	January 98,531	February 77,729	March 51,415	April 40,290	1,041,451.93
8 9	From Customers From Collection Agencies	May 41,928 1,930	June 39,508 1,811	July 35,010 1,915	August	September 86,959 1,845	October	November 199,279 1,405	December 147,117 5,239	January 98,531 2,381	February 77,729 5,278	March 51,415 8,508	April 40,290 3,418	1,041,451.93 38,513
8 9 10	From Customers From Collection Agencies From Other	May 41,928 1,930 428	June 39,508 1,811 (43)	July 35,010 1,915	August 52,377 2,831	September 86,959 1,845 126	October 171,309 1,953 4	November 199,279 1,405 10,082	December 147,117 5,239 3,770	January 98,531 2,381 1,622	February 77,729 5,278 1,354	March 51,415 8,508 1,761	April 40,290 3,418 274	1,041,451.93 38,513 19,378
11	From Customers From Collection Agencies From Other Subtotal	May 41,928 1,930	June 39,508 1,811	July 35,010 1,915	August 52,377	September 86,959 1,845	October 171,309	November 199,279 1,405	December 147,117 5,239	January 98,531 2,381	February 77,729 5,278	March 51,415 8,508	April 40,290 3,418	1,041,451.93 38,513
11 12	From Customers From Collection Agencies From Other Subtotal Other Activity	May 41,928 1,930 428 44,285	June 39,508 1,811 (43) 41,275	July 35,010 1,915 - 36,925	August 52,377 2,831 - 55,208	86,959 1,845 126 88,931	October 171,309 1,953 4 173,266	November 199,279 1,405 10,082 210,766	147,117 5,239 3,770 156,126	January 98,531 2,381 1,622 102,534	77,729 5,278 1,354 84,361	March 51,415 8,508 1,761 61,684	April 40,290 3,418 274 43,981	1,041,451.93 38,513 19,378 1,099,344
11 12 13	From Customers From Collection Agencies From Other Subtotal Other Activity Collection Agency Commissions	May 41,928 1,930 428 44,285 11,388	June 39,508 1,811 (43) 41,275 15,767	July 35,010 1,915 - 36,925 24,574	August 52,377 2,831 - 55,208	86,959 1,845 126 88,931 24,940	October 171,309 1,953 4 173,266 24,947	November 199,279 1,405 10,082 210,766 31,893	December 147,117 5,239 3,770 156,126 44,319	98,531 2,381 1,622 102,534 29,435	77,729 5,278 1,354 84,361 11,531	March 51,415 8,508 1,761 61,684 30,254	April 40,290 3,418 274 43,981 12,628	1,041,451.93 38,513 19,378 1,099,344 - 275,010.44
11 12	From Customers From Collection Agencies From Other Subtotal Other Activity	May 41,928 1,930 428 44,285	June 39,508 1,811 (43) 41,275	July 35,010 1,915 - 36,925	August 52,377 2,831 - 55,208	86,959 1,845 126 88,931	October 171,309 1,953 4 173,266	November 199,279 1,405 10,082 210,766	147,117 5,239 3,770 156,126	January 98,531 2,381 1,622 102,534	77,729 5,278 1,354 84,361	March 51,415 8,508 1,761 61,684	April 40,290 3,418 274 43,981	1,041,451.93 38,513 19,378 1,099,344

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(b) - Write-offs without a print date have been categorized as greater than twelve months.

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## **UNCOLLECTIBLE EXPENSE RIDER**

### **APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all Customers responsible for payment of Company's Percentage of Income Payment Plan Rider on Sheet No. 40.

## **DESCRIPTION**

The Uncollectible Expense Rider Rate shall be applied to all billed Ccf for Gas Service rendered to Customers served under the applicable Rate Schedules.

The Rider shall recover costs associated with uncollectible accounts arising from those Customers in those Rate Schedules responsible for paying the Uncollectible Expense Rider.

The Company's actual uncollectible expense for the applicable Rate Schedules, including carrying charges, shall be reconciled annually, with any over or under collection being reflected as a charge or credit in a subsequent update of the Rider Rate.

Company shall file an application with the Commission requesting approval to change the Uncollectible Expense Rider Rate if Company determines that an adjustment of more than plus or minus ten percent is needed.

### **UNCOLLECTIBLE EXPENSE RIDER RATE**

The Uncollectible Expense Rider Rate is \$0.00680-00854 per Ccf.

Filed pursuant to the Finding and Order dated July 9, 2014\_\_\_\_ in Case No. 1415-320-GA-UEX of The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

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