

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of     )  
Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. for an     )     Case No. 17-421-GA-PIP  
Adjustment to its Interim, Emer-     )  
gency and Temporary Percentage of     )  
Income Payment Plan Rider.     )

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**APPLICATION OF  
COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC.**

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Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. ("Columbia"), hereby submits its annual Interim, Emergency and Temporary Percentage of Income Payment Plan Rider Report ("PIP Plan Rider"), and also requests approval to increase its PIP Plan Rider rate. In support of its Application, Columbia states as follows:

1. In Paragraph 51 of the Commission's December 14, 2011 Finding and Order in Case No. 08-1229-GA-COI, the Commission directed each natural gas company to file an annual PIP Plan status report each May. The annual report is required to include the level of PIP Plan recoveries to write off and the rate, if applicable. In compliance with this Order, attached hereto as Attachment 1 is Columbia's annual PIP Plan Rider Report.
2. The December 14, 2011 Finding and Order also requires natural gas companies to file for approval of a PIP Plan rider rate adjustment whenever an increase or decrease of ten percent or more can be justified.
3. Columbia's current PIP Plan Rider rate is \$0.0992 per Mcf. This rate became effective on May 31, 2016, and was designed to recover the projected level of arrears expected to occur during the subsequent twelve-month period.
4. Columbia's annual review of its PIP Plan Rider rate indicates that the PIP Plan Rider rate should be decreased to \$(0.0115) per Mcf, a decrease of \$(0.1107) per Mcf. Attachment 2 is a copy of the proposed tariff sheets that provide for the proposed decrease in Columbia's PIP Plan Rider rate.

5. The development of the proposed PIP Plan Rider of \$(0.0115) per Mcf and the change from the current rate is set forth on Attachment 3. The proposed rate is designed to recover the projected level of arrears expected to occur during the next twelve-month period, less an over-collection of \$12,565,088.84.

6. The method of computing the proposed PIP Plan Rider for purposes of this Application is consistent with that approved by the Commission's December 2, 1993 Finding and Order in Case Nos. 88-1115-GE-PIP, 90-705-GE-PIP and 90-879-GE-ORD ("1993 Order"). The 1993 Order provides for a proceeding by a utility to adjust its PIP Plan Rider to a "true-up" rate in order to recover, over a twelve-month period, the PIP Plan arrearages accumulated over the year plus or minus any deficiency or excess recovered by the rider during a prior year. The Commission has continued to recognize that an emergency, as contemplated by Ohio Rev. Code § 4909.16, continues to exist, and, in response to such emergency, that the PIP Plan should continue to be available to residential customers, as set forth in the Stipulation and Recommendation in Case Nos. 88-1115-GE-PIP, et al., approved by the 1993 Order. Said Stipulation and Recommendation provides for the adjustment of PIP Plan Riders upon request of the affected utility.

7. In the 1993 Order, the Commission established a procedure that permits a utility to implement a new PIP Plan rate on the forty-sixth day after the filing of an application, absent action by the Commission. This procedure is similar to the procedure established by the Commission in Case No. 93-1000-EL-FOR for recovery of certain State EPA Emission Application Fees. Columbia hereby requests that the proposed PIP Plan Rider rate set forth in this Application, absent Commission action, become effective on the forty-sixth day after the filing of this Application.

**WHEREFORE**, Columbia respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Application and proposed PIP Plan Rider rate as set forth herein and on Attachment 2, to become effective with the first billing unit for the month immediately following the forty-sixth day after the filing of this Application.

Respectfully submitted by,

**COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC.**

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**ATTACHMENT 1**  
**PIP PLAN RIDER REPORT**

Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.  
PIPP Plan Annual Report

Line No.	Description	Balance @ 3/31/2017	Balance @ 3/31/2016	Annual Change
1	(Over)/Under-Collection at March 31, 2016			(5,387,511)
2	Net Charge-offs Less Than 2 Months Old	8,095,333	6,975,838	1,119,495
3	Net Charge-offs Greater Than 2 Months Old	483,392,197	490,700,358	(7,308,160)
4	PIPP Arrearage Credit - Phase I	17,173,284	17,173,284	0
5	PIPP Arrearage Credit - Phase II	12,945,669	12,945,669	0
6	PIPP Arrearage Credit - Phase III	9,573,468	9,573,468	0
7	PIPP Arrearage Credit - Phase IV	4,396,175	4,396,175	0
8	PIPP PYMC Credit	1,140,675	1,140,675	0
9	PIPP Plus 1/24th Credit	86,678,560	78,167,579	8,510,980
10	PIPP Plus Delta Credit	99,509,429	92,871,628	6,637,802
11	PIPP Grad Plus 1/24th Credit	2,156,604	1,989,453	167,152
12	PIPP Grad Plus Delta Credit	12,920,611	12,394,676	525,935
13	PIPP Enrollment/Reverification Fee	673,728	615,312	58,416
14	PIPP Plus 1/24th Credit - ADJ	(519,860)	(407,526)	(112,334)
15	PIPP Plus Delta Credit - ADJ	(103,038)	(65,767)	(37,272)
16	PIPP Grad Plus 1/12th Credit - ADJ	(7,746)	(6,226)	(1,520)
17	PIPP Grad Plus Delta Credit - ADJ	46,162	46,115	47
18	Post PIPP 1/12th Credit	5,917	1,014	4,903
19	Net Charge Offs - Unbilled Revenue	(932,000)	369,000	(1,301,000)
20	Total	737,145,168	728,880,724	8,264,444
21	Recoveries	(742,979,240)	(731,440,267)	(11,538,972)
22	(Over)/Under-Collection, TME March 31, 2017			(8,662,039)

**ATTACHMENT 2**  
**PROPOSED TARIFFS**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE DISTRIBUTION  
AND SALE OF GAS**

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**PIP PLAN TARIFF SCHEDULE RIDER**

**APPLICABLE:**

To all volumes delivered under rate schedules SGS, SGSS, GS, GSS and LGS except for those volumes delivered to Customers taking service under these rate schedules that were Transportation Service Customers prior to April 1, 2012 and were not subject to payment of the PIPP Rider prior to April 1, 2012.

**RATE RIDER:**

All gas consumed per account per month

\$(0.0115) per Mcf

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**26. GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE BILLING ADJUSTMENTS**

**INTERIM, EMERGENCY AND TEMPORARY**

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To all customers who were sales customers as of June 3, 1994, and any new customer account established after June 3, 1994.

**PIP PLAN TARIFF BASE RATE RIDER**

A PIP Plan base rate rider of \$(0.0115) per Mcf will apply to all tariff volumes of applicable customers.

Filed under the authority of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio in Case No. dated December 3, 1993 in Case No. 88-1115-GA-PIP

Issued:

Effective: With meter readings on or after

Issued By  
Daniel A. Creekmur, President



**SECTION VII**  
**PART 29 - BILLING ADJUSTMENTS**

**INTERIM, EMERGENCY AND TEMPORARY**  
**PIP PLAN TARIFF SCHEDULE RIDER**

29.1    Applicability

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29.2    Rate

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## **REDLINED PROPOSED TARIFFS**

No. 24

Fourteenth~~Thirteenth~~ Revised Sheet

Sheet No. 24

COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC.

Thirteenth~~Twelfth~~ Revised  
Cancels

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**ATTACHMENT 3**  
**COMPUTATION OF PIP PLAN RIDER RATE**

Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.  
Computation of Proposed PIPP Rate

Line No.	Description	Reference	Amount \$
1	Projected PIPP Arrears Balance @ May 31, 2017	Attachment 3	(12,565,088.84)
2	Projected Increase/Decrease in PIPP Arrears June 2017 - May 2018	Attachment 2	10,549,390.65
3	Total		(2,015,698.19)
4	Projected Throughput Subject to PIPP Surcharge Twelve Months Ending May 31, 2018	Attachment 4	174,838,710
5	Proposed PIPP Rate Per Mcf		(0.0115)

Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.  
Computation of Projected Change In PIPP Arrears  
April 2017 Through May 2018

	PIPP Customers (1)	Projected PIPP Consumption (2)	Projected Usage/ Customer (3 = 2 ÷ 1) Mcf	Customer Charge (4) \$	IRP Charge (5) \$	Commodity Charge (6 = 3 X 14) \$	Gas Cost (6=3 X 13) \$	Gross Receipts Tax (7) \$	Total Bill (8) \$	Total PIPP Billings (9 = 1 X 8) \$	Less Customer Payments 2) (10) \$	Less HEAP/Other Payments (11) \$	Incremental Change PIPP Arrears (12) \$	Projected DSS Rate (13) \$	Projected Commodity Rate 1) (14) \$
APR 2017	52,206	509,492	9.76	17.81	7.65	4.82	41.48	3.58	75.34	3,933,231.50	1,726,974	3,947,355.99	(1,741,098.97)	4.25	0.49
MAY	50,918	281,913	5.54	17.81	8.96	2.67	24.14	2.67	56.25	2,864,268.26	1,684,367	694,851.93	485,048.89	4.36	0.48
TOTAL APR 2017 - MAY 2017													(1,256,050.08)		
JUN	51,541	122,508	2.38	17.81	8.96	0.86	10.60	1.91	40.13	2,068,495.03	1,704,976	613,410.25	(249,891.50)	4.46	0.36
JUL	53,204	82,571	1.55	17.81	8.96	0.72	7.05	1.72	36.25	1,928,898.02	1,759,988	380,533.53	(211,623.83)	4.54	0.46
AUG	55,328	85,485	1.55	17.81	8.96	0.71	7.06	1.72	36.27	2,006,591.33	1,830,250	25,000.91	151,340.18	4.57	0.46
SEP	55,021	91,166	1.66	17.81	8.96	0.77	7.57	1.75	36.86	2,027,971.67	1,820,095	14,887.93	192,989.06	4.57	0.46
OCT	55,236	158,635	2.87	17.81	8.96	0.73	13.15	2.03	42.68	2,357,640.72	1,827,207	10,872.47	519,561.37	4.58	0.25
NOV	54,942	398,275	7.25	17.81	8.96	1.85	33.71	3.11	65.43	3,595,065.02	1,817,481	30,577.73	1,747,005.93	4.65	0.25
DEC	54,704	772,873	14.13	17.81	8.96	3.60	67.53	4.88	102.79	5,622,853.67	1,809,608	207,761.05	3,605,484.30	4.78	0.25
JAN 2018	56,761	1,101,285	19.40	17.81	8.96	4.52	94.68	6.28	132.25	7,506,717.35	1,877,654	3,493,111.14	2,135,952.33	4.88	0.23
FEB	59,056	1,088,276	18.43	17.81	8.96	4.29	89.38	6.01	126.44	7,467,112.54	1,953,572	1,009,108.18	4,504,431.88	4.85	0.23
MAR	61,468	913,495	14.86	17.81	8.96	3.46	70.89	5.04	106.16	6,525,498.11	2,033,361	5,304,761.98	(812,625.31)	4.77	0.23
APR	52,349	489,825	9.36	17.81	8.96	7.38	40.33	3.71	78.20	4,093,494.98	1,731,705	3,947,355.99	(1,585,565.93)	4.31	0.79
MAY	51,058	271,031	5.31	17.81	10.11	4.19	22.67	2.73	57.51	2,936,182.74	1,688,999	694,851.93	552,332.17	4.27	0.79
TOTAL JUN 2017 - MAY 2018													10,549,390.65		

1) Projected Commodity Rate consists of PIPP Rider, Excise Tax Rider, Uncollectible Tax Rider, Regulatory Assessment Rider, Demand Side Management, Non-Temperature Balancing Service and CHOICE/SCO Reconciliation Rider.

2) Average PIPP Payment = \$33.08.



Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.  
Computation of Projected Change In PIPP Balance at May 31, 2017

	Projected Change PIPP Arrears (1) \$	PIPP Surcharge Recoveries (2) \$	Actual/ Projected Balance (3) \$	Projected Surcharge Volumes (4) Mcf	Projected/ Actual Surcharge Rate (5) \$
JAN 2017			(6,833,331)		
FEB			(5,490,922)		
MAR			(8,662,039)		
APR	(1,741,099)	1,719,000	(12,122,138)	17,328,629	0.0992
MAY	485,049	928,000	(12,565,089)	9,354,839	0.0992
JUN	(249,891.50)	(57,876.94)	(12,757,103)	5,020,161	(0.0115)
JUL	(211,623.83)	(42,884.72)	(12,925,843)	3,719,758	(0.0115)
AUG	151,340.18	(41,954.97)	(12,732,547)	3,639,113	(0.0115)
SEP	192,989.06	(43,930.69)	(12,495,628)	3,810,484	(0.0115)
OCT	519,561.37	(63,804.10)	(11,912,262)	5,534,274	(0.0115)
NOV	1,747,005.93	(137,021.92)	(10,028,234)	11,885,081	(0.0115)
DEC	3,605,484.30	(268,116.68)	(6,154,633)	23,256,048	(0.0115)
JAN 2018	2,135,952.33	(380,500.22)	(3,638,181)	33,004,032	(0.0115)
FEB	4,504,431.88	(370,621.63)	1,236,873	32,147,177	(0.0115)
MAR	(812,625.31)	(299,263.31)	723,511	25,957,661	(0.0115)
APR	(1,585,565.93)	(205,126.11)	(656,929)	17,792,339	(0.0115)
MAY	552,332.17	(104,596.88)	(0)	9,072,581	(0.0115)

Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.  
Projected Surcharge Volumes at May 31, 2018

Projected  
Surcharge  
Volumes

Mcf

Apr 2017	17,328,629
May 2017	<u>9,354,839</u>
TOTAL THROUGHPUT APR 2017 - MAY 2017	26,683,468
JUN 2017	5,020,161
JUL	3,719,758
AUG	3,639,113
SEP	3,810,484
OCT	5,534,274
NOV	11,885,081
DEC	23,256,048
JAN 2018	33,004,032
FEB	32,147,177
MAR	25,957,661
APR	17,792,339
MAY	9,072,581
TOTAL THROUGHPUT TME May 2018	174,838,710

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