

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Piedmont Gas Company for Approval)	Case No. 17-313-GA-UEx
of an Adjustment to its Uncollectible)	
Expense Rate Rider)	

APPLICATION

Piedmont Gas Company ("Piedmont") submits its Uncollectible Expense ("UEX") worksheet and respectfully requests approval to increase its Uncollectible Expense Rider ("UEX Rider") rate. In support of its Application, Piedmont states as follows:

1. Piedmont is a public utility/natural gas company subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (the "Commission"). In Case No. 09-1862-GA-AIR, Piedmont established its initial UEX Rider which was set at \$0.02385 per Mcf and it was placed into effect in November, 2010. In Case No. 13-313-GA-UEx, the Commission approved a reduction in Piedmont's UEX Rider to a rate of \$0.00122 per Mcf which became effective January 1, 2014. In Case No. 15-313-GA-UEx, the Commission approved an additional reduction in Piedmont's UEX Rider to a rate of \$0.00 per Mcf which became effective January 1, 2016.

2. Attachment 1 to this Application is Piedmont's worksheet which shows monthly beginning UEX balances, bad debts written off, recovery through the UEX Rider each month, incremental bad debt, and balances at the end of each month.

3. Piedmont proposes to increase its UEX Rider rate from \$0.00000 per Mcf to \$0.01914 per Mcf to become effective June 1, 2017. This rate is comprised of: (1) the balance of under collected uncollectible accounts expense as of December 31, 2016 plus (2) an estimate

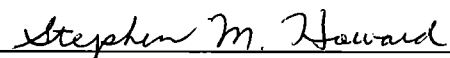
of uncollectible accounts for the period January 1 through December 31, 2017 and (3) divided by the estimated sales volumes for the period January 1 through December 31, 2017. The calculation of the revised rate of \$0.01914 per Mcf is shown on Attachment 2.

4. Piedmont's UEX Rider states that "The Company will file an application with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio requesting approval to change this charge if the Company determines that an annual Uncollectible Expense has increased or decreased by more than ten percent (10%) compared to the Uncollectible Expense experienced during the annual period upon which the current charge is based." The current Uncollectible Expense Rider is \$0.00000 per Mcf. Thus, the proposed increase in the Uncollectible Expense Rider exceeds ten percent (10%) of the current UEX Rider rate.

5. The resulting rate of \$0.01914 per Mcf is just and reasonable and should be approved. A copy of the proposed scored tariff sheet is Attachment 3.

WHEREFORE, Piedmont Gas Company respectfully requests that the Commission approve the new UEX Rider rate proposed in this Application and direct it to file a revised tariff sheet with the new UEX Rider rate to become effective on June 1, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,


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- (a) Calculated: actual consumption times authorized rider rate
- (b) Consists of customer payments, net-collection agency revenue, and other collections
- (c) Net Monthly Carrying Charge
- (d) Sales Volumes

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Attachment 2

Piedmont Gas Company
Revised Rider Rate Calculation
Case No. 17-313-GA-UEx

1	Balance Under (Over) Collected 12/31/16	\$6,729.83
2	Estimated Uncollectible Accounts January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017	\$1,500
3	Total to Collect (Line 1 + Line 2) Under (Over)	\$8,229.83
4	Estimated Sales Volumes January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017	430,000 Mcf
5	Calculated Revised Rider Rate (Line 3 / Line 4)	\$0.01914 per Mcf
6	Current Rider Rate Case No. 15-313-GA-UEx, Effective January 1, 2016	\$0.00000 per Mcf
7	Proposed Uncollectible Expense Rider Adjustment (Line 5 - Line 6)	\$0.01914 per Mcf

Attachment 3

Piedmont Gas Company

~~Fifth~~Fourth Revised Sheet 18
Cancels
~~Fourth~~Third Revised Sheet 18

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52. Uncollectible Expense Rider. In addition to the above rates, a charge of \$0.019140000 per mcf will be applied to all gas consumed pursuant to this rate schedule to recover the cost associated with uncollectible amounts of those customers subject to Uncollectible Expense Riders. The Company will file an application with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio requesting approval to change this charge if the Company determines that the annual uncollectible expense has increased or decreased by more than ten percent compared to the uncollectible expense experience during the annual period upon which the current charge is based.

53. Gross Receipts Tax Rider. In addition to all other rates and charges, amounts billed by the Company shall be subject to a rider at the Company's effective gross tax rate to provide for the recovery of the Company's gross tax receipts tax liability under Section 5727.25, Revised Code.

The Gross Receipts Tax Rider is applicable to all charges billed by the Company, including miscellaneous charges and all applicable rider rates, except that this rider shall not be billed to those customers statutorily exempted from the payment of gross receipts taxes.

All bills rendered shall be adjusted to include the effect of the Ohio excise tax on gross receipts billings at a rate of 4.9252 percent.

54. MCF Excise Tax Rider. In addition to all other rates and charges, all gas consumed shall be subject to an MCF tax rider to provide for the recovery of the Company's excise tax liability under Section 5727.811, Revised Code.

A rate of \$.1593 per MCF will be applied to the first 100 MCF per month. A rate of \$.0877 per MCF will be applied for the next 1,900 MCF per month. A rate of \$.0411 will be applied for all gas consumed above 2,000 MCF per month.

All bills rendered to a flex customer as defined by Section 5727.80(N), Revised Code shall be adjusted to provide for recovery of the MCF excise tax at the rate of \$.02 per MCF on all volumes delivered.

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