

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of)
Ohio Gas Company for Adjustment)
of its Percentage of Income Payment)
Plan Rider.)

Case No. 17-411-GA-PIP

APPLICATION

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Now comes Ohio Gas Company (“Applicant”) and respectfully requests the approval of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (“Commission”) for authority to modify its Percentage of Income Payment Plan (“PIPP”) Rider. In support of this request, Applicant states as follows:

1. Applicant is an Ohio corporation engaged in the business of providing natural gas service to customers in Ohio and as such, is a public utility as defined by Section 4905.02 and 4905.03, Revised Code.

2. By this Application, and consistent with the December 2, 1993 Finding and Order of the Commission in Case Nos. 88-1115-GE-PIP, 90-705-GE-PIP, 90-879-GE-ORD, and 08-1229-GA-COI, Applicant requests authorization to modify its PIPP Rider. The proposed revised tariff sheet (redlined and clean version) is attached as Exhibit A.

3. Applicant’s current PIPP Rider rate became effective on August 1, 2016. The method for computing the modified rate is consistent with Case No. 88-1115-GE-PIP. The Commission’s Order dated December 14, 2011 in Case No. 08-1229-GA-COI, Finding paragraph (51), adopted NorthStar’s recommendation of an annual PIPP filing. The annual filing is attached as Exhibit B. Furthermore, the Commission found that increases in PIPP rates consisting of 10 percent or greater, or any decrease in PIPP

rates, should trigger an annual rate adjustment. The resulting rate is comprised of two components and proposes to recover within a twelve-month period: 1) those PIPP customer account balances existing as of March 31, 2016 that have aged for a period of greater than 60 days, and 2) an amount of arrears it expects to continue to occur in succeeding twelve-month periods. Calculations supporting the modified PIPP Rider rate are attached as Exhibit C. The new proposed rate is \$(0.0018) per MCF billed.

4. In accordance with the procedure recommended in the direct testimony of the Commission Staff in Case Nos. 88-1115-GE-PIP, *et al.* and the procedure established by Entry dated June 25, 1993 in Case No. 93-1000-EL-EFR, Applicant will implement the proposed PIPP Rider rate for all usage on and after August 1, 2017, absent action by the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

P.U.C.O. No. 1

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For so long as the Federal Income Tax Rate applicable to corporations is 34%, the base rate specified on Ninth Revised Sheet 1 or its successors, shall be reduced by 6.7 cents per Mcf.

INTERIM EMERGENCY AND TEMPORARY RIDER FOR RECOVERY OF
PERCENTAGE OF INCOME PAYMENT PLAN ARREARAGES:

In addition to all other rates and charges applicable to service provided under the General Service Rate, customers receiving service pursuant to said rate shall pay an additional amount per Mcf. The monthly charge may be revised in accordance with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio's order in Case No. 87-244-GE-UNC. The current recovery of Percentage of Income Payment Plan Arrearages is \$~~0.0041~~(0.0018) per Mcf billed.

BAD CHECK CHARGE

In the event a customer supplies Ohio Gas Company with a check or other instrument for which the customer does not have sufficient funds to permit Ohio Gas Company to obtain cash in exchange for such check or instrument, an additional charge of \$10.00 shall be added to the billed amount.

GAS STORAGE CREDIT RIDER

The Gas Storage Credit Rider is applicable to all volumes served under the General Service and Transportation Rates for as long as Ohio Gas Company's Community Energy Partnership Program is in operation. The amount of the rider is \$0.00535 per Ccf.

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EXHIBIT B

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OHIO GAS COMPANY				
PIPP Rider				Attachment 2
PIPP Rider Calculation 2017				
Balance of Deferred PIPP @ 3/31/2017			\$ (41,745)	
Estimated PIPP Cost for Twelve Months Ending 3/31/2018				
PIPP Charge offs			32,071	
Total to be Collected			\$ (9,674)	
Applicable Volumes			5,264,744.9	MCF
Proposed Rate			\$ (0.0018)	
Current Rate			0.0041	
Proposed PIPP Rider Adjustment			\$ (0.0059)	

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