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RE: *In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Gas Company, Inc. for Approval of an
Adjustment to its Uncollectible Expense Rider Rate, Case No. 17-311-GA-UEX.*

Dear Docketing Division:

Enclosed please find the Staff's Review and Recommendations in regard to the application filed by Ohio Gas Company, to update its Uncollectible Expense Rider, in Case No. 17-311-GA-UEX.

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Enclosure

Cc: Parties of Record

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Ohio Gas Company
Case No. 17-311-GA-UEX

SUMMARY

In Case No. 05-1439-GA-UEX, the Commission authorized an Uncollectible Expense (UEX) recovery mechanism for Ohio Gas Company (Ohio Gas or Company), which allows for recovery of actual bad/uncollectible debt through a rider, rather than through base rates. On January 25, 2006, the Commission issued an Entry in that case authorizing an initial UEX rider rate of \$0.0282 per Mcf.

Subsequently Ohio Gas has filed annual updates to adjust its rider rate and the Commission has authorized such subsequent revisions. The recent history of Ohio Gas's rider rate is as follows:

July 2012 - July 2013	(\$0.0056) per Mcf
August 2013 - July 2014	(\$0.0200) per Mcf
August 2014 - July 2015	(\$0.0159) per Mcf
August 2015 - July 2016	\$0.0220 per Mcf
August 2016 - Present	\$0.0038 per Mcf

On May 5, 2017, Ohio Gas filed the pending application to decrease its current UEX rider rate from \$0.0038 per Mcf to (\$0.0152) per Mcf, a decrease of \$0.0190 per Mcf. Staff has reviewed the application and makes its findings and recommendations in this Staff Letter.

STAFF REVIEW

Staff performed a review of Ohio Gas' annual balance of actual uncollectible accounts expense net of recoveries as of January 1, 2016, through March 31, 2017 (Attachment 1 and 2); and proposed tariff sheets (Attachment 3).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff believes that Ohio Gas' application appropriately calculates the UEX rider rate and recommends the proposed rate of (\$0.0152) per Mcf be approved.