

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of)
Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for Approval to) Case No. 17-318 - GA-UEx
Adjust its Gas Uncollectible Rider)
Rate.

**APPLICATION TO ADJUST
DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.'S GAS UNCOLLECTIBLE EXPENSE RIDER RATE**

Pursuant to R.C. 4904.18, Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., (Duke Energy Ohio) requests approval to adjust the rate for its gas uncollectible rider, Rider UE-G.

Duke Energy Ohio is an Ohio corporation engaged in the business of supplying natural gas to approximately 432,000 customers in southwestern Ohio, all of whom, except Interruptible Transportation customers, will be affected by this Application, and is a public utility as defined by R.C. 4905.02 and 4905.03. Duke Energy Ohio serves incorporated communities and unincorporated territory within its entire service area, which includes all or parts of Adams, Brown, Butler, Clinton, Clermont, Hamilton, Montgomery, and Warren Counties in Ohio.

In support of its Application, Duke Energy Ohio states as follows:

1. This Application is made pursuant to the Finding and Order issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) on December 21, 2005, in Case Nos. 05-732-EL-MER, 05-733-EL-AAM, and 05-974-GA-AAM. In its Finding and Order, the Commission instructed Duke Energy Ohio to purchase receivables of competitive natural gas suppliers without a discount. The Commission also approved Duke Energy Ohio's request for a gas uncollectible expense recovery rider.

2. The gas uncollectible expense rider, Rider UE-G, currently has a monthly charge of \$0.007706 per CCF which was approved in Case No. 16-318-GA-UEx in an Opinion and Order dated July 13, 2016.
3. In the Finding and Order issued by the Commission on December 17, 2003, in Case No. 03-1127-GA-UNC at page 13, and in the Finding and Order issued by the Commission on August 19, 2009, in Case No. 08-1229-GA-COI at paragraph 12, the Commission instructed the utilities to file an annual report that details the amounts recovered, deferred, and if applicable, amortized pursuant to the respective uncollectible expense riders. Duke Energy Ohio's report is submitted with this Application for Rider UE-G.
4. Attachment 1 to this Application includes both the required annual report and the calculation of the proposed, amended rate for Rider UE-G.
5. The annual report, required by the Commission, is set forth on pages two through four of Attachment 1. Page one identifies the amounts recovered, deferred and amortized pursuant to the rider. Page two shows the actual uncollectible tracker balance through March 31, 2017. Page three shows the projected bad debt expense for the twelve month period ending March 31, 2018. Page four shows the projected volumes for the twelve month period ending March 31, 2018.
6. Attachment 1 also details the calculation of the proposed, amended uncollectible rider rate, at page one. This proposed rider rate is calculated to be \$0.007186 per CCF, which is a decrease of \$0.000520 per CCF from the amount authorized in Case No. 16-318-GA-UEx.

7. This resulting rate of \$0.007186 per CCF for all Duke Energy Ohio customers subject to Rider UE-G is just and reasonable and should be approved. Copies of the proposed and scored tariff sheets are included as Attachment 2 to this Application.

WHEREFORE, Duke Energy Ohio respectfully requests that the Commission approve the new uncollectible expense rider rate for Rider UE-G as proposed in this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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