7. <u>Uncollectible Expense Rider</u>

Applicability. Applicable to all volumes served under the General Service Residential Rate (GSR) and General Service Commercial Rate (GSC). An additional charge shall be applied to all volumes for service rendered to recover costs associated with uncollectible accounts arising from those customers responsible for paying the Uncollectible Expense Rider. The Company shall file an application with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio requesting approval to change the rate if the Company determines that an adjustment of more than plus or minus ten percent is needed to adjust for prior period over- or under-collections. The current Uncollectible Expense Rider rate is (\$0.00916) per Ccf.

Reconciliation. The Uncollectible Expense Rider is updated annually. The Company's actual uncollectible expense for the applicable Rate Schedules, including carrying charges, shall be reconciled annually, with any over or under collection being reflected as a charge or credit in a subsequent update of the Rider Rate. The charge or credit may include Customer refunds if the Commission or Supreme Court of Ohio determines, as a result of an audit of the annual period in which the Rider Rate was in effect, that the Company's charge was unlawful or unreasonable or included imprudent amounts.

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