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Ohio Gas Company for Adjustment ) Case No. 18-411-GA-PIP

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**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 R.C. 4905.02 and 4905.03.

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 sheets (redlined and clean version) are attached as Exhibit A.

3. Applicant’s current PIPP Rider rate became effective on August 1, 2017. (The approved rider sheet was replaced and renumbered when the Commission approved new base distribution rates in Case 17-1139-GA-AIR, *et al*., but the PIPP rate remained unchanged.) 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, 2018 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 $(0.0034) 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, 2018, absent action by the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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**EXHIBIT C**

