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June 22, 2021

Ms. Tanowa M. Troupe, Secretary
Ohio Power Siting Board
Docketing Division
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-3716

Re: PUCO Case No. 21-318-GA-UEX
Amended Application

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., (Duke Energy Ohio or Company) is filing, herewith, an amended application in the above-referenced case. The amount of COVID-related net costs that were actually booked by the Company was \$328,495 instead of the \$518,910 that was included in the original filing. Duke Energy Ohio has made this revision in the attached application, work paper, and clean/redlined tariff sheets and hereby files the same.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jeanne W. Kingery

Jeanne W. Kingery
Associate General Counsel

cc: All Parties of Record

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Duke)
Energy Ohio, Inc., for Approval to) Case No. 21-318-GA-UEx
Adjust its Gas Uncollectible Rider Rate.)

**AMENDED APPLICATION OF DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.,
TO ADJUST UNCOLLECTIBLE EXPENSE RIDER RATE**

Pursuant to R.C. 4909.18, Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., (Duke Energy Ohio or Company) 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 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 \$0.005064 per CCF, which was approved in Case No. 20-318-GA-UEx in an Opinion and Order dated July 15, 2020.

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 natural gas 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 annual 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. Pursuant to the Finding and Order dated June 17, 2020 in Case No. 20-1011-GE-AAM, the Company is including \$328,495 of COVID-related net costs (deferred costs offset by savings) in this Application.

6. Attachment 1 identifies the amounts recovered, deferred, and amortized pursuant to the rider, and details the calculation of the proposed rate, at page one. This proposed rider rate is calculated to be \$0.005732 per CCF, which is an increase of \$0.000668 per CCF from the amount authorized in Case No. 20-318-GA-UEx.

7. The annual report, as required by the Commission, is set forth on pages two through four of Attachment 1. Page two shows the actual uncollectible tracker balance through March 31, 2021. Page three shows the projected bad debt expense for the twelve-month period ending March 31, 2022. Page four shows the projected volumes for the twelve-month period ending March 31, 2022.

8. This resulting rate of \$0.005732 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,

DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Amended Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., to Adjust the Percentage of Income Payment Plan Rider Rate was served via electronic mail, this 22nd day of June 2021, upon the following:

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Line	Description	Source	Amount	Projected Volume (CCF)	Unit Rate (\$/CCF)
				Page 4	
1	Actual Uncollectible Tracker Balance through March 31, 2021 (a)	Page 2	(\$1,962,352)		
2	COVID Costs April 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021	Page 2	\$328,495		
3	Projected Bad Debt April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022	Page 3	\$4,774,038		
4	Unrecovered Uncollectible Expenses through March 31, 2022	Line 1 + Line 2 + Line 3	<u>\$3,140,181</u>	547,877,874	\$0.005732
5	Current Uncollectible Rider Rate	See Note (b)			\$0.005064
6	Increase/(Decrease) in Total Uncollectible Expense Rate	Line 3 - Line 4			<u>\$0.000668</u>
7	Percentage Difference in Recovery of Uncollectible Expenses				13%

(a) Actual uncollectible expense less amounts recovered in base rates and Rider UE-G plus carrying charges
 (b) Rate approved in Case No. 20-318-GA-UEx; effective July 30, 2020

Line	Source	2020 Actual										2021 Actual			Total
		April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March		
1	Unrecovered Balance - Beginning of Month	Ending Balance Prior Month	(\$1,026,355)	(\$1,244,865)	(\$1,288,245)	(\$912,704)	(\$849,019)	(\$821,535)	(\$787,741)	(\$784,455)	(\$792,514)	(\$1,052,270)	(\$1,422,510)	(\$1,709,525)	
2	Bad Debts Written Off - Net of Customer Recoveries	Gross/Net Write Off Report	\$121,626	\$221,539	\$523,742	\$168,091	\$97,466	\$101,985	\$97,335	\$175,490	\$108,754	\$141,192	\$240,160	\$159,031	\$2,156,411
3	Recovery - Base Rates	See Note (a)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
4	Recovery - Uncollectible Rider	See Note (b)	(\$339,001)	(\$264,032)	(\$147,432)	(\$104,229)	(\$69,815)	(\$68,111)	(\$93,970)	(\$183,392)	(\$368,325)	(\$511,185)	(\$526,862)	(\$411,491)	(\$3,087,844)
5	Recovery - Other Adjustments	See Note (c)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
6	Incremental Bad Debt	Lines (2)+(3)+(4)+(5)	(\$217,375)	(\$42,493)	\$376,310	\$63,862	\$27,651	\$33,874	\$3,365	(\$7,902)	(\$259,571)	(\$369,993)	(\$286,702)	(\$252,460)	
7	Balance Sub-Total	Line (1) + Line (6)	(\$1,243,730)	(\$1,287,358)	(\$911,934)	(\$848,843)	(\$821,368)	(\$787,661)	(\$784,376)	(\$792,357)	(\$1,052,085)	(\$1,422,262)	(\$1,709,212)	(\$1,961,985)	
8	Carrying Charges	Lines [(1)+(7)]*(2) * (Line 12)	(\$1,135)	(\$886)	(\$770)	(\$176)	(\$167)	(\$80)	(\$79)	(\$158)	(\$184)	(\$247)	(\$313)	(\$367)	(\$4,564)
10	Unrecovered Balance - End of Month	Line (7) + Line (8)	(\$1,244,865)	(\$1,288,245)	(\$912,704)	(\$849,019)	(\$821,535)	(\$787,741)	(\$784,455)	(\$792,514)	(\$1,052,270)	(\$1,422,510)	(\$1,709,525)	(\$1,962,352)	
11	COVID Cost Recovery	See Note (d)	\$61,675	\$133,746	\$77,839	\$3,149	(\$120,477)	\$217,344	\$135,073	\$1,306	\$23,387	\$37,018	(\$12,804)	(\$228,761)	\$328,495
12	Monthly Carrying Charge rate	See Note (e)	0.10000%	0.07000%	0.07000%	0.02000%	0.02000%	0.01000%	0.01000%	0.02000%	0.02000%	0.02000%	0.02000%	0.02000%	

(a) Uncollectible expense was removed from base rates effective December 1, 2009 per Order in Case No. 09-773-GA-UEx
 (b) Rate approved in Case No. 20-318-GA-UEx effective July 30, 2020
 (c) Not applicable at this time
 (d) Source: Accounting General Ledger
 (e) Source: Treasury

Per Merger Order Case No. 05-732-EL-MER, carrying charge rate should be short term debt rate authorized in last distribution rate case. Since no short term debt in authorized capital structure, used money pool rate.

Duke Energy Ohio Gas
Projected Bad Debt Expense for Upcoming Twelve Months

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Line	Source	2021 PROJECTED												2022 PROJECTED			Total
		April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March				
1	Unrecovered Balance - Beginning of Month	Ending Balance Prior Month	(\$1,962,352)	(\$1,720,005)	(\$1,290,993)	(\$817,085)	(\$308,233)	\$191,867	\$693,269	\$1,146,354	\$1,582,847	\$2,046,258	\$2,446,217	\$2,696,280			
2	Bad Debts Written Off - Net of Customer Recoveries	Projection	\$242,347	\$429,012	\$473,908	\$508,852	\$500,100	\$501,402	\$453,085	\$436,493	\$463,411	\$399,959	\$250,063	\$115,406			
3	Recovery - Base Rates	See Note (a)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
4	Recovery - Uncollectible Rider	See Note (b)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
5	Recovery - Other Adjustments	See Note (c)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
6	Incremental Bad Debt	Lines (2)+(3)+(4)+(5)	\$ 242,347	\$ 429,012	\$ 473,908	\$ 508,852	\$ 500,100	\$ 501,402	\$ 453,085	\$ 436,493	\$ 463,411	\$ 399,959	\$ 250,063	\$ 115,406	\$ 4,774,038		
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8	Carrying Charges	Lines [((1)+(7))](2)] * (Line 10)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0			
9	Unrecovered Balance - End of Month	Line (7) + Line (8)	(\$1,720,005)	(\$1,290,993)	(\$817,085)	(\$308,233)	\$191,867	\$693,269	\$1,146,354	\$1,582,847	\$2,046,258	\$2,446,217	\$2,696,280	\$2,811,686			

(a) Uncollectible expenses was removed from base rates effective December 1, 2000 per Order in Case No. 00 773 GA UEX
(b) Uncollectible rider is currently \$0.005064 per CCF
(c) Not applicable at this time

Line	Description	Source	Projected 12 Months Ended March 2022												Total Thru Mar-22
			Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	
CFE Sales															
1	Residential (RS)	Load Forecasting	10,502,145	3,958,138	2,254,192	2,072,554	2,049,709	2,441,243	6,211,962	14,184,941	24,686,110	28,429,590	25,734,095	18,866,639	142,391,348
2	General Service (GS)	Load Forecasting	4,096,603	1,795,307	1,349,103	1,124,343	1,152,475	1,352,791	2,135,302	5,204,509	9,164,439	11,636,489	9,633,333	7,379,165	55,734,849
3	Total Sales Service		14,598,748	5,743,445	3,603,295	3,206,897	3,212,184	3,794,034	8,347,264	19,389,450	33,850,549	40,066,079	35,367,428	26,245,799	198,126,197
Residential Transportation (RFT)															
4	Residential Transportation (RFT)	Load Forecasting	11,377,324	4,116,695	2,442,041	2,157,148	2,133,371	2,540,886	6,465,543	15,367,020	27,637,528	31,862,055	27,878,603	20,438,858	154,640,072
5	Firm Transportation (FT)	Load Forecasting	14,410,581	8,413,703	7,384,262	7,040,266	7,071,078	8,000,156	11,448,429	19,716,927	28,902,877	31,375,156	28,331,722	22,705,340	194,600,517
6	Intermittent Transportation (IT)	Load Forecasting	16,017,794	15,297,823	15,027,690	15,039,677	15,061,274	14,676,417	15,962,345	17,399,129	19,013,301	20,566,367	18,854,459	18,409,218	201,255,694
7	Total Transportation Service		41,805,699	37,831,221	34,854,013	34,237,191	34,265,723	35,117,458	33,966,317	32,493,076	75,553,706	80,663,578	75,568,194	61,553,416	556,096,303
Other															
8	Interdepartmental	Load Forecasting	131,744	76,443	20,465	70,616	59,184	65,789	132,773	96,086	223,429	196,874	266,245	171,911	1,511,559
9	Street Lighting	Load Forecasting	25,696	25,434	25,696	25,550	25,696	25,696	25,696	25,696	25,696	25,696	25,696	25,696	311,888
10	Total Other		157,440	101,877	46,161	96,166	84,880	91,485	168,469	121,782	249,125	222,570	291,941	197,607	1,823,447
11	Total Throughput	Line 3 + Line 7 + Line 10	56,561,887	33,676,508	28,503,469	27,540,354	27,562,787	29,002,878	42,413,080	71,994,308	109,856,554	124,512,227	111,024,153	87,996,822	750,645,127
Exclude CFE Sales not eligible for Uncollectible															
12	Intermittent Transportation (IT)	Line 6	16,017,794	15,297,823	15,027,690	15,039,677	15,061,274	14,576,417	15,962,345	17,399,129	19,013,301	20,566,367	18,854,459	18,409,218	201,255,694
13	Interdepartmental	Line 8	131,744	76,443	20,465	70,616	59,184	65,789	132,773	96,086	223,429	196,874	266,245	171,911	1,511,559
14	Total Sales Excluded from Uncollectible		16,149,538	15,374,266	15,048,155	15,110,493	15,120,458	14,642,206	16,125,118	17,495,215	19,236,730	20,763,241	19,120,704	18,581,129	202,767,253
15	Total CFE Sales Recovering Uncollectible Expense	Line 11 + Line 14	40,412,349	18,302,242	13,455,314	12,429,861	12,442,329	14,360,772	26,287,962	54,499,093	90,619,824	103,748,986	91,903,449	69,415,693	547,877,874

RIDER UE-G
UNCOLLECTIBLE EXPENSE RIDER

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all sales service and firm transportation customers.

DESCRIPTION

This rider enables the recovery of 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 if the Company determines that an adjustment of more than plus or minus ten (10) percent is needed to adjust for prior period over or under-collections.

This Rider is subject to reconciliation, including, but not limited to, refunds or additional charges to customers, ordered by the Commission as the result of annual audits by the Commission in accordance with the Finding and Order issued on December 21, 2005, in Case Nos. 05-732-EL-MER, 05-733-EL-AAM, and 05-974-GA-AAM, if determined to be unreasonable or imprudent by the Commission in the docket in which those rates were approved; provided, however, that such reconciliation shall be limited to the twelve-month period of upon which the rates were calculated.

MONTHLY CHARGE

A charge of \$0.005732 per CCF shall be applied to all gas volumes delivered to customers in the customer classes noted above.

SERVICE REGULATIONS

The supplying and billing for service and all conditions applying thereto, are subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, and to the Company's Service Regulations currently in effect, as filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

Filed pursuant to an Order dated
Commission Ohio.

in Case No. 21-318-GA-UEx before the Public Utilities

Issued:

Issued by Amy B. Spiller, President

Effective:

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Issued: ~~July 17, 2020~~

Issued by Amy B. Spiller, President

Effective: ~~July 30, 2020~~