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March 27, 2007

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Re: Revised Attachments to DE-Ohio's Notice filed on Thursday, March 22, 2007, in Case Nos. 89-8002-GA-TRF, 02-2895-GA-ATA, 05-732-EL-MER

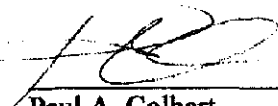
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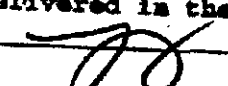
Attached for filing, please find Revised Exhibits A and B to the recently filed Notice of Amendment to DE-Ohio's Credit Worthiness Standard Components and Credit Collateral Formula (Notice), filed in the above styled proceedings on Thursday March 22, 2007. These Revised Exhibits represent minor corrections to typographical errors and clarifications as a result of comments received during the March 26, 2007 teleconference call referenced in the Notice. These revisions represent minor corrections and do not make substantive changes to the Exhibits.

Specifically, Revised Exhibit B contains corrections to minor typographical errors identified after filing. These typographical corrections occur in the definitions of the following components of Exhibit B: EBC, PDC and PMC.

Additionally, at the suggestion of one of the marketers who participated in the March 26, 2007, teleconference call, DE-Ohio has revised relevant portions of Revised Exhibits A and B to more accurately reflect the intent of the Parties of the gas collaborative process regarding security interests in supplier's pipeline capacity and gas commodities. These changes can be found in the second to last paragraph in Revised Exhibit A, and paragraph 6 of the Collateral Rules in Revised Exhibit B. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing pleading was served on the following either electronically or by first class U.S. mail, postage prepaid, upon the following, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2007.

  
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**Revised Exhibit A**

**DE-Ohio's Credit Worthiness Standards**

DE-Ohio shall use debt ratings from rating agencies and consider tangible net worth based on financial information to determine the amount of unsecured credit, if any, to grant a certified retail natural gas supplier. DE-Ohio shall use the lowest debt rating from rating agencies to determine a potential maximum unsecured credit limit. If a debt rating is unavailable or does not exist, DE-Ohio shall establish a debt rating based upon DE-Ohio's financial model containing supplier-specific data. DE-Ohio shall also establish a potential maximum unsecured credit limit based on tangible net worth. DE-Ohio shall use the lower potential maximum unsecured credit limit determined by debt ratings or tangible net worth to assign an amount of unsecured credit, if any, available to a certified retail natural gas supplier.

A supplier shall satisfy its creditworthiness requirement and receive an unsecured, but not unlimited, credit limit in accordance with the above criteria by demonstrating that it has, and maintains, investment grade senior unsecured debt ratings from both of the following rating agencies:

Agency	Senior Securities Rating (Bonds)
Standard & Poors	BBB- or higher
Moody's Investors' Services	Baa3 or higher

If a debt rating is unavailable or does not exist, DE-Ohio's financial model must assign an investment grade senior unsecured debt rating in order for the supplier to be considered for unsecured credit per the aforementioned criteria. The supplier will provide DE-Ohio with its or its parent's most recent independently-audited financial statements, (if applicable) and, it or its parent's most recent Form 10-K and Form 10-Q (if applicable).

DE-Ohio shall make reasonable alternative credit arrangements with a supplier that is unable to meet the aforementioned criteria and with those suppliers whose credit requirements exceed their allowed unsecured credit limit. DE-Ohio will accept, in a form and format acceptable to DE-Ohio, a parental guarantee of payment or an irrevocable Letter of Credit; a cash deposit; or other mutually agreeable security or arrangement. The amount of the security required must be

and remain commensurate with the financial risks placed on DE-Ohio by that supplier.

When the dollar amount of the unsecured credit is determined, DE-Ohio shall reduce the result of the credit collateral equation set forth in Stipulation Exhibit B as follows:

When DE-Ohio has a first secured interest in the supplier's receivables:

Supplier Collateral Requirement shall = (CB per "X" MDQ block) + PRC - EBC - Unsecured Credit (payable as of the first Mcf enrolled per MDQ block).

When DE-Ohio does not have a first secured interest in the supplier's receivables:

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All terms used in Exhibit A have the same definition as those terms defined in Exhibit B and such definitions are incorporated herein by reference.

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**Revised Exhibit B**

**DE-Ohio's Credit Collateral Formula**

**Introduction:**

A description of DE-Ohio's Credit Collateral Formula is that DE-Ohio takes three days of the gas marketer's maximum daily quantity usage multiplied by a rate that considers both the pipeline penalty rate for overruns and DE-Ohio's propane production rate plus the remaining 27 days of peak monthly usage at the greater of DE-Ohio's highest delivered city gate cost of gas in the last three (3) years, the current forward NYMEX price, or DE-Ohio's equivalent replacement cost of vaporized propane. In addition, the formula includes provisions for pipeline reservation charges and credits for "banked" gas. The specific credit collateral formula follows.

**The Credit Collateral Formula for Utility Consolidated Billing:**

Supplier Collateral Requirement shall = (CB per "X" MDQ block) + PRC - EBC or CB (whichever is higher)

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MDQ = Maximum Daily Quantity. The expected peak day natural gas usage for a supplier's pool of customers on DE-Ohio's system design peak day measured in Mcf.

CB = Collateral Block. DE-Ohio currently requests collateral in \$50,000 blocks.

X = (CB divided by Z) x (PDC).

Y = (CB divided by W) x (PDC).

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