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Now comes the Applicant, Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. ("VEDO"), and requests approval of its bill format, pursuant to Rule 4901:1-13-11(D), Ohio Administrative Code. In support of its Application, VEDO states as follows:

- 1. VEDO is an Ohio corporation engaged in the business of supplying natural gas to consumers in Ohio, and, as such, is a public utility as defined by Sections 4905.02 and 4905.03 of the Ohio Revised Code and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission").
 - 2. VEDO's current bill formats comply with the Commission's rules.
- 3. On February 4, 2008, the participants of VEDO's Merchant Function Exit Working Group ("Exit Working Group") including: VEDO, the Staff ("Staff") of the

Commission; the Ohio Gas Marketers Group¹; SouthStar Energy Services LLC; Dominion Retail, Inc.; MXenergy Inc.; Industrial Energy Users-Ohio ("IEU-Ohio"); Stand Energy Corporation; Integrys Energy Services, Inc.; DTE Energy Trading, Inc.; Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel ("OCC"); and the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation (collectively, "Signatory Parties"); filed a Joint Stipulation and Recommendation ("Stipulation") in order to set forth the understanding of Signatory Parties with respect to the proposals made to achieve VEDO's exit from the commodity merchant function. The Commission adopted the Stipulation in its entirety on April 30, 2008.

- 4. On August 20, 2008, the Commission issued an Entry permitting VEDO to replace its gas cost recovery ("GCR") mechanism and implement its standard service offer ("SSO") on October 1, 2008, based on the \$2.35 Retail Price Adjustment auction results.
- 5. As a result of the foregoing, several references on the back of VEDO's bills have become obsolete. Specifically, VEDO will no longer have a GCR. Additionally, given the nature of the changes described above, VEDO will no longer use the term "Vectren Choice Advantage" to describe the choice program.
- 6. Accordingly, VEDO seeks Commission approval to modify the back of its bill formats as follows: 1) in the definition section, change the term from "Gas Cost Recovery Charge" to "Gas Cost Charge"; and 2) change the sentence that referenced the "Vectren Choice Advantage" so that it no longer references the now defunct label.
- 7. VEDO believes that the wording changes on the back of the bill formats reflect the changes as the result of VEDO's exit of the merchant function and will enable

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¹ The Ohio Gas Marketers Group members are Direct Energy Services LLC, Vectren Retail, LLC and Interstate Gas Supply, Inc.

customers to understand their billing information more easily. VEDO believes the proposed formats make bills as clear, straightforward and understandable as possible. Moreover, VEDO notes that the wording changes do not change any of the substantive information contained on the bills and do not otherwise affect the layout of the bills.

- 8. A sample of VEDO's proposed bill format is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A.
 - 9. This Application does not result in a rate increase.
- 10. Upon Commission approval, VEDO intends to begin utilization of its proposed bill format with bills rendered for the first billing cycle after VEDO has replaced its GCR with the SSO on October 1, 2008.

WHEREFORE, VEDO respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Application to revise the back of VEDO's bill in compliance with the requirements of Rule 4901:1-13-11(D), Ohio Administrative Code, and approve the billing format shown in Exhibit A.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing *Application of Vectren Energy*Delivery of Ohio Inc., was served upon the following parties of record this 26th day of August 2008, via electronic transmission, hand-delivery or ordinary U.S. mail, postage prepaid.

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EXHIBIT A

Name:

Account Number:

01-999999999-9999999

Service Address:

123 Vectren St.

Hometown, OH 99999

Billing Date:

March 13, 2007

50199999

Due Date: Total Amount Due: Amount Due after 0X/XX/07: Feb. 16, 2007

Allow 5 business days for mailing



Charges

Previous Bill Amount Payment(s) Received \$xx.xx **Balance Carried Forward Charges This Period** \$xxx.xx Total Amount Due \$xxx.xx

Gas Usage Detail

98,000 CCF Used This Period Distribution and Service Charges (includes a Customer Charge of \$x.00) \$xx,xx Gas Cost Charge @ \$0.xxxxx per CCF \$xxxxx Total Gas Charges - Residential \$xxxxx Sales Service

\$0.00

Gas Meter Information

Meter Number Service Beginning 02/17/07 Service Ending 03/14/07 Number of Days Meter Readings Beginning xxxx actual Ending xxxx actual Multiplier 1.000000 Next Scheduled Read Date 5/14/2007

Gas Usage Comparison Gas use in CCF 150 Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov

Last Year Average Temperature Current Previous for This Billing Period → 45° 55°

Gas Usage History

Month/Yr	CCFs	Month/Yr	CCFs	Month/Yr	CCFs	Month/Yr	CCF ₅
Dec 06 Nov 06 Oct 06	43.448 70.345 44.069	Sep 06 Aug 06 Jul 06	25.794 23.744 23.533	Jun 06 May 06 Apr 06	24.692 29,375 39.931	Mar 06 Feb 06 Jan 06	62.069 65.286 74.314
Total CCFs: 526.600			Monthly Avg: 43.883				

Bill Message

For "Choice" program consumer tips and "apples to apples" comparisons for competitive supplier pricing, visit the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio's (PUCO) web site at www.puco.ohio.gov or call 1-800-299-7271,

Send to: P.O. Box 6263, Indianapolis, IN 46206-6263



Account Number:

01-999999999-9999999 9

Due Date: February 7, 2007 **Total Amount Due:** \$xxx.xx Amount Enclosed:

Amount Due after 02/07/07:

\$xxxxx

Joe Customer 123 Vectren St. Hometown, OH 99999 Mail payments to: Vectren Energy Delivery P.O. Box 6262 Indianapolis, IN 46206-6250

Important Vectren Energy Delivery Numbers

Customer Service Number

1-800-227-1376

Call Before You Dig Ohio Relay Service: 1-800-362-2764 1-800-750-0750

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www.vectren.com

General Information:

24 Hour Emergency Service: Call 1-800-227-1376 if you smell a gas odor or if all of your gas appliances are out.

Customer Service Questions or Concerns: To contact Vectren Energy Delivery (Vectren) about your bill or service, call 1-800-227-1376 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. Authorized pay sites are available in your neighborhood for your convenience. To locate an authorized pay site nearest you, visit www.vectren.com or call 1-800-227-1376. You can pay your bill through a checking or savings account for free at www.vectren.com or by calling 1-800-227-1376. If you would like to write to Vectren, please send correspondence to P.O. Box 209, Evansville, IN 47702-0209 or visit our web site at www.vectren.com. If you have selected a third-party gas supplier through the natural gas Choice program and have questions regarding your gas supply charges, please refer to the gas supplier and toll free number listed on the front of your bill in the "Important Information" section. The nonpayment of charges for ancillary service unrelated to regulated distribution service shall not result in the disconnection of regulated gas distribution service.

Customers with billing or service issues or concerns regarding a disconnect notice should contact Vectren prior to contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). If the complaint is not resolved after having contacted Vectren or for general utility information, residential and business customers may call the PUCO toll free at 1-800-686-7826 or for TDD/TYY at 1-800-686-1570 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays or at www.puco.ohio.gov.

Residential customers may also contact the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) for assistance with complaints and utility Issues at 1-877-742-5622 (toll-free) from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays, or at www.pickocc.org.

Terms & Definitions

Distribution and Service Charges - Charges billed each month for the delivery of gas consumed.

Customer Charge – Charges billed each month to recover a portion of the ongoing fixed costs of providing service to the customer. This includes metering, meter reading, service delivery facilities, billing and recordkeeping. The Customer Charge is a fixed charge and does not vary with gas consumption.

Gas Cost Charge – This is the average cost (per hundred cubic feet) of gas purchased by Vectren Energy Delivery for sale to its customers. This portion of the bill reflects the market cost of purchasing natural gas.

Gas Supplier (also referred to as a gas marketer) – A person or company who is certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to sell natural gas in a competitive retail market.

CCF (100 Cubic Feet) – Gas consumption is measured by your meter in hundreds of cubic feet.

Gas Supply Charges - Charges billed each month for the consumption of natural gas supplied by a retail gas supplier.

Miscellaneous Charges – Examples of miscellaneous charges may include but are not limited to reconnect fees, labor charges and returned check charges.

Multiplier – Factor used to calculate consumption on meters with higher than the standard delivery pressure. A multiplier greater than 1 indicates a delivery pressure that is greater than Vectren's standard delivery pressure.

PIPP - The Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) is available if your total income is at or below 150 percent of the Federal poverty level. This program does not reduce or waive energy costs; it only establishes a payment plan to allow you to maintain your utility service.