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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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APPLICATION NOT FOR AN INCREASE IN RATES, PURSUANT TO SECTION
4909.18, REVISED CODE

PUCO

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
APPLICATION OF BRAINARD GAS)
CORPORATION TO AMEND ITS)
TARIFF TO COMPLY WITH)
MINIMUM GAS SERVICE)
STANDARDS)
)

CASE NO. 09-592-GA-ATA

89-8039-GA-TRF

1. APPLICANT RESPECTFULLY PROPOSES:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Change in Rule/Regulation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Classification | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduction in Rates |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change in Classification | <input type="checkbox"/> Correction of Error |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other, not involving
increase in rates | <input type="checkbox"/> Various related and unrelated textual
revisions, without change in intent |

2. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

This Application is made to amend the Section governing the frequency of meter
reading to comply with the requirements of The Commission's Minimum Gas Service
Standards, Ohio Administrative Code 4901:1-13-04(G)(1)(a).

3. TARIFF AFFECTED: First Revised Sheet No. 12.

4. ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF ARE: (Check applicable Exhibits)

- ☒ Exhibit A – existing schedule sheet (to be superseded) if applicable: Original Sheet No. 12
- ☒ Exhibit B – proposed schedule sheet: First Revised Sheet No. 12

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x Exhibit B-1-redline tariff sheet showing proposed schedule relative to current schedule

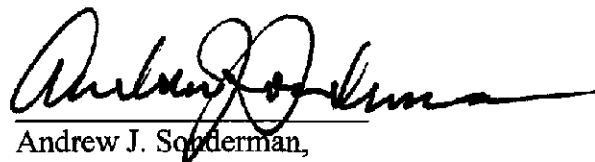
 Exhibit C-1

- (a) if new service is proposed, describe;
- (b) if new equipment is involved, describe (preferably with a picture, brochure, etc.) and where appropriate, a statement distinguishing proposed service from existing services;
- (c) if proposed service results from customer requests, so state giving if available, the number and type of customers requesting proposed service;
- (d) if a change in classification, rule or regulation is proposed, a statement explaining reason for change;
- (d) statement explaining reason for any proposal not covered in the attached exhibits.

5. This Application will not result in an increase in any rate, joint rate, toll, classification, charge or rental.

WHEREFORE, Brainard Gas Corporation respectfully requests that the Commission permit the filing of the proposed tariff sheet, to become effective as permitted by Commission Order subsequent to filing. Such schedule sheet will be filed with the Commission; and shall be in the form of the schedule sheet in Exhibit B as modified by any further revisions directed by the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,



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Exhibit A

**RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE DISTRIBUTION
AND SALE OF GAS**

2. **Backbilling.** The Company's policy on backbilling shall comply with the guidelines established by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and the Ohio Revised Code, Section 4933.28, as amended from time to time.
3. **Billing Periods.** Bills shall be rendered regularly at monthly intervals. Non-receipt of bills by customer does not release or diminish the obligation of customer with respect to payment thereof.

Meters are ordinarily read at monthly intervals but may be read more or less frequently at Company's option.

4. **Payment of Bills.** Bills shall be paid by the customer at any office of the Company during its regular office hours or to any one of the Company's authorized collecting agents during the regular office hours of such agent. Any remittance received by mail at any office of the Company bearing U.S. Postal Office cancellation date corresponding with or previous to the last date on which said bill is payable "net" will be accepted as within the net payment period. Payments received within twenty-five (25) days of the mailing date of the bill will be considered as being paid on time.
5. **Removal of Service by Company.** At the option of the Company, the Company shall have the right to shut off the gas and to remove its property from the customer's premises and to demand immediate payment for all gas theretofore delivered to the customer and not paid for, which amount shall become due and payable immediately upon demand, when the customer vacates the premises.
6. **Bill Format and Billing Procedure.** The Company's policy on bill format and billing procedure shall comply with the guidelines established by the Public Utilities Commission (Ohio Administrative Code, Section 4901:1-18-10 and Ohio Revised Code, Section 4905.30) as amended from time to time.
7. **Initial and Final Meter Readings.** When service is terminated for any reason, the Company will render a final bill addressed to the customer's forwarding address, if know, or to the

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Exhibit B

P.U.C.O. No. 1

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