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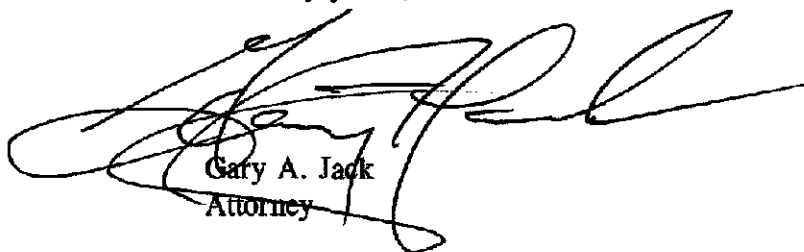
Docketing Division
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43266-0573

Re: **Application to Modify Company Tariff Rule**
Case No. 96-348 -EL-ATA

Dear Docketing Division:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and 10 copies of an Application to Modify Company Tariff Rule for Monongahela Power Company.

Sincerely yours,



Gary A. Jack
Attorney

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Enclosure

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO
COLUMBUS, OHIO**

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APPLICATION TO MODIFY COMPANY TARIFF RULE

Now Comes Monongahela Power Company and respectfully represents to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio the following:

1) Pursuant to Section 4909.18 of the Ohio Revised Code, Monongahela Power Company hereby requests consent and approval to modify and change its Section 9, Paragraph H, of its Rules and Regulations for Electric Service to grant eligible participants registered under the Company's Bill Extender Program an extended period of time to pay their bill.

2) Present language under the current tariff allows the customer enrolled in the Bill Extender Program no fewer than twenty (20) days from the date billed in which to pay their bill. (Monongahela Power Company Rules and Regulations Section 9, Paragraph H.) (See Exhibit A). In order to alleviate some confusion as to how this program actually applies to some customers and to provide all similar customers the same time period in which to pay their bills, Monongahela proposes to amend its rule to allow all those customers enrolled in the Company's Bill Extender Program to pay their bills thirty (30) days from the bill rendition date rather than the twenty (20) days minimum or varying number of days. (See Exhibit B)

3) This is a minor rule change which benefits our customers. It will have no negative rate impact upon any customer. The Company will experience a minor loss of late payment penalties that might have accrued on delinquent bills and a minor working capital impact related to the later collection of revenues.

4) Monongahela respectfully requests that the Commission waive all publication requirements, hearings, additional filings, and any further requirements for this application since it benefits our customers and is a very minor change with no negative rate impact upon customers. Monongahela proposes to inform the public of this change pursuant to information contained in a bill insert after the Commission has granted its approval.

Wherefore, Monongahela requests the Commission consent and approve the amendment to Monongahela's Rules and Regulations for Electric Service to grant eligible participants of the Bill Extender Program an extended period of time to pay their bill.

Respectfully Submitted,

Monongahela Power Company



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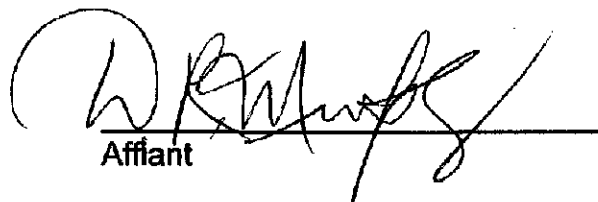
D. R. Murphy, Supervisor,
Customer Accounting and Rates

VERIFICATION

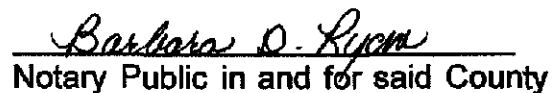
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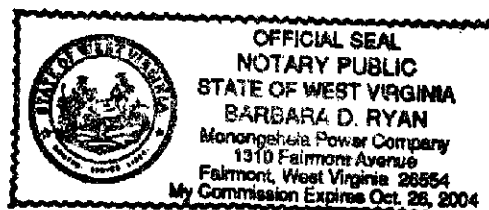
D. R. Murphy, Supervisor, Customer Accounting and Rates of Monongahela Power Company, after being duly sworn, says that the facts and allegations set forth in the foregoing **APPLICATION TO MODIFY COMPANY TARIFF RULE** are true, except insofar as they are stated to be on information, he believes them to be true.


Affiant

Taken, sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of April, 1996.


Notary Public in and for said County

My commission expires Oct. 26, 2004



MONONGAHELA POWER COMPANY

Fourth Revision of
Original Sheet No. 3A4
Canceling
Third Revision of
Original Sheet No. 3A4

P.U.C.O. No. 3

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE

- (C) (b) Except as otherwise provided below, in the event of the stoppage of or the failure by any meter to register the full amount of current consumed, the customer will be billed for such period on an estimated consumption based on his use of current in a similar period of like use.
- (N) The Company's policy on backbilling for residential customers shall comply with the orders of the Public Utilities Commission and Section 4933.28 of the Ohio Revised Code, as amended from time to time.
- (c) Where service is rendered under rate schedule provisions which do not require monthly demand measurements, meters may be read and bills rendered either monthly or bi-monthly, at Company's option. When bills are rendered bi-monthly, the minimum bill and the number of kilowatt-hours included in each energy block of the rate shall be twice the amount specified for monthly billing.
- (d) Permanent residential nonseasonal customers may elect to pay their bills under the Company's Average Payment Plan. The Average Payment Plan provides for bills to be rendered monthly based upon 1/12 of the customer's latest twelve months' usage. If there is no twelve-month usage history available for the customer, then an estimated amount will be used. Any difference between the average payments and the actual charges for the twelve-month average payment period at its anniversary will be amortized over the next twelve-month period. If a participant in the Average Payment Plan fails to make two or more consecutive monthly payments, the Company shall have the option of terminating that customer's participation in the plan.
- (e) Company may, at its option, read meters and compute bills in units of ten kilowatt-hours for residential and small commercial customers, and in units of ten kilowatt-hours or larger where required by meter design or use of instrument transformers.
- (f) The Company may, through the use of a dial card or other device supplied by it to a customer, require such customer to furnish promptly to the Company for billing purposes a current reading of such customer's meter. If such dial card or device is not promptly returned by a customer or when other circumstances warrant, and are not otherwise prohibited by Commission or Tariff Rule, charges may be based on estimated consumption. In such cases, the Company will make any necessary billing adjustments, without interest, on a subsequent bill based upon a reading of such meter.
- (g) All rates of the Company for electric service are subject to the approval of The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and may be changed from time to time as approved by such Commission or as otherwise permitted by law.
- (h) The Company's Bill Extender Program is available on application to residential customers receiving monthly Federal Retirement, State Retirement, Railroad Retirement, or Social Security benefits. Under the Bill Extender Program, bills dated after the fourth day of each month will not become past-due until the fifth day of the following month, but in no case less than 20 days from the date billed. By choosing the Bill Extender Program, the customer agrees to pay bills monthly under the Average Payment Plan described in Rule 9(d) of these Rules and Regulations.

10. SUSPENSION OF MINIMUM MONTHLY PAYMENT

Should the customer be prevented from receiving during any period all or any portion of the electric service contracted to be furnished, by reason of fire, explosion, flood, riot, war, strike, or failure or inability of the Company to deliver such service, then the applicable minimum monthly payment required for such period may, upon written application by the customer, be suspended, but such suspension shall not exceed three months during the contract year.

Filed under authority of Order entered
The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, in
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J. S. Pifer
President

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(C) (h) The Company's Bill Extender Program is available on application to residential customers receiving monthly federal retirement, state retirement, railroad retirement, or Social Security benefits. Under this Bill Extender Program, eligible participants will be granted thirty (30) days from bill rendition date in which to pay the net amount. By choosing the Bill Extender Program, the customer agrees to pay bills monthly under the Average Payment Plan described in Section 9, Paragraph (d) of these Rules and Regulations.

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