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Renée J. Jenkins, Secretary Docketing Division Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 13th Floor 180 E. Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

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Re: <u>Case No. 08-723-AU-ORD</u>, In the Matter of the Commisson's Review of the Commission's Review of Chapters 4901:1-17 and 4901:1-18, and Rules 4901:1-5-07, 4901:1-10-22, 4901:1-13-11, 4901:1-15-17, 4901:1-21-14, and 4901:1-29-12 of the Ohio Administrative Code: Notification by Sheldon Gas Company

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

Attached to this letter please find the correspondence sent this date by the undersigned to Ms. Barbara Bossart, Utility Specialist in the Commission's Service Monitoring and Enforcement Department. While the letter speaks for itself, it generally provides notice that although Sheldon Gas Company has no PIPP customers served under Commission-approved rates and has no PIPP Rider in its tariff, the Company does have PIPP customers served pursuant to municipal ordinance rates enacted by the Villages of Dunkirk, Forest and Vanlue.

Sheldon Gas Company prospectively intends to follow the Commission's long standing practice of not requiring natural gas companies such as Sheldon Gas Company who have fewer than 15,000 customers and no PIPP Rider to offer the PIPP Program. The attached notification indicates that Sheldon Gas Company intends to continue to offer the PIPP program to those current PIPP customers who are municipal ordinance customers and who continue to reverify income as required, remain eligible as determined by the Ohio Department of Development and make the required percentage payments. These current "grandfathered" PIPP customers shall continue to be served under Rule 4901:1-18-04 currently in effect prior to the amendments to Rules 4901:1-17 and 4901:1-18 that will be effective November 1, 2010.

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Please contact the undersigned if any additional information with respect to this notification is needed.

Very truly yours,

Andrew J. Sonderman Counsel for Sheldon Gas Company

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February 5, 2010 Via Electronic and Ordinary Mail

Barbara Bossart Utility Specialist Reliability and Service Analysis Division Service Monitoring and Enforcement Department Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 E. Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

Re: Sheldon Gas Company Municipal Ordinance Customers on PIPP

Dear Barbara:

Last October, you circulated a survey to small gas companies, including my client Sheldon Gas Company ("Sheldon"), in which you asked how many customers my client currently had enrolled in the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP). In responding to that question, Sheldon reported 10 customers on PIPP at that point in time.

However, the 10 customers that Sheldon reported as PIPP customers are all customers who reside within the Villages of Dunkirk, Forest and Vanlue. Their natural gas service is provided pursuant to municipal ordinances duly enacted by the respective Village Councils.

As of today, Sheldon has no customers participating in PIPP served pursuant to Commission-approved base rates, as all of its customers are served pursuant to municipal ordinance. Sheldon has no PIPP Rider in its Commission-approved tariff. As of the date of this correspondence, Sheldon has 24 PIPP customers in its three municipalities served.

Sheldon prospectively intends to take advantage of the exemption from providing service to PIPP customers under the amended regulations that will go into effect in November by virtue of the Commission's long standing practice of not requiring small gas utilities with fewer than 15,000 customers to offer PIPP to customers under its jurisdiction. I have been authorized to state that Sheldon will elect to continue to grandfather these 24 nonjurisdictional municipal ordinance PIPP customers in the Villages of Dunkirk, Forest and Vanlue so long as these PIPP customers reverify income as required, remain eligible as determined by the Ohio Department of Development and make the required percentage

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of income payments pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4901:1-18-04 as currently in effect on the date of this letter. Sheldon's "grandfathered" PIPP customers will be served under the version of Rule 4901:1-18-04 currently in effect as well.

Please contact me with any questions you may have in this regard.

Very truly yours, h W

Andrew J. Sonderman