## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. for an Ad-	)	
justment of its Interim, Emergency	)	Case No. 13-0902-GA-PIP
and Temporary Percentage of Income	)	
Payment Plan Rider	)	

# APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC.

Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. ("Columbia") hereby submits its annual Interim, Emergency and Temporary Percentage of Income Payment Plan Rider Report ("PIP Rider") and also requests approval to decrease its current PIP Rider. In support of its Application, Columbia states the following:

- 1. Paragraph 51 of the Finding and Order in Case No. 08-1229-GA-COI, dated December 14, 2011, requires each natural gas company to file an annual PIP status report each May. The annual report is to include the level of PIP recoveries to write off and the rate if applicable. Attached hereto as Attachment 1 is Columbia's annual PIP Rider Report.
- 2. The December 14, 2011 Finding and Order also requires natural gas companies to file for approval of a PIP rider rate adjustment whenever an increase or decrease of ten percent or more can be justified.
- 3. By Finding and Order dated December 2, 1993, in Case Nos. 88-1115-GE-PIP, 90-705-GE-PIP and 90-879-GE-ORD the Commission established a procedure that permits a utility to implement a new PIP rate on the forty-sixth day after the filing of an application, absent action by the Commission. This procedure is similar to the procedure established by the Commission in Case No. 93-1000-EL-FOR for recovery of certain State EPA Emission Application Fees.
- 4. Columbia's current PIP Rider rate is 2.94¢ per Mcf. This rate became effective June 28, 2012, and was designed to recover the projected level of arrears expected to occur during the subsequent twelve-month period.

- 5. Columbia's annual review of its PIP Rider rate indicates that the PIP Rider rate should be reduced to -0.92¢ per Mcf, a decrease of 3.86¢ per Mcf a decrease of approximately 131.3%. Columbia hereby requests authority to reduce its PIP Rider rate to -0.92¢ per Mcf. Attachment 2 is a copy of the proposed tariff sheets that provide for the proposed reduction in Columbia's PIP Rider rate.
- 6. The development of the proposed PIP Rider of -0.92¢ per Mcf and the change from the current rate is set forth on Attachment 3. The proposed rate is designed to recover the projected level of arrears expected to occur during the next twelve-month period, less an over-collection of \$9,661,954.
- 7. The method of computing the proposed PIP Rider for purposes of this Application is consistent with that approved by the Commission's Entry issued December 2, 1993, in Case No. 88-1115-GE-PIP et al. That Entry provides for the initiation of a proceeding by a gas or electric company to adjust its PIP Rider to a "true-up" rate to provide, as nearly as possible, for the recovery, over the course of twelve months, an amount equal to the PIPP arrearages to be accumulated over the year plus or minus any deficiency or excess recovered by the rider during a prior year. The Commission has continued to recognize that an emergency, as contemplated by Rev. Code § 4909.16 exists, and that in response to that emergency the PIP payment plan should continue to be made available to residential customers, as set forth in the Stipulation and Recommendation in Case No. 88-1115-GE-PIP et al., approved by the Commission in its Finding and Order dated December 2, 1993. Said Stipulation and Recommendation provides for the adjustment of PIP Riders upon request of the affected utility.
- 8. In direct testimony of the Commission Staff, accepted by the Commission in its December 2, 1993, Finding and Order, a procedure was adopted for the implementation of revised PIP rates similar to the procedure established by the Commission Entry dated June 24, 1993, in Case No. 93-1000-EL-FOR for recovery of certain State EPA Emission Application Fees. This procedure permits a utility to implement its new rate on the forty-sixth day after its application, absent action by the Commission. Columbia hereby requests that the proposed PIP Rider rate set forth in this Application, absent action by the Commission, become effective on the forty-sixth day after the filing of this Application.

WHEREFORE, Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Application and the proposed PIP Rider as set forth in

Attachment 2, to become effective with the first billing unit for the month immediately following the forty-sixth day after the filing of this Application.

Respectively submitted by **COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC.** 

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# ATTACHMENT 1 PIP PLAN RIDER REPORT

# Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. Computation of Annual Shortfall Requirement

Attachment 1

Line No.	Description	Balance @ 3/31/2013	Balance @ 3/31/2012	Annual Change
1	(Over)/Under-Collection at March 31, 2012			(10,914,092)
2	Net Charge-offs Less Than 2 Monts Old	18,260,287	16,593,935	1,666,352
3	Net Charge-offs Less Greater Than 2 Monts O	505,691,185	529,834,168	(24,142,983)
4	PIPP Arrearage Credit - Phase I	17,173,258	17,173,258	
5	PIPP Arrearage Credit - Phase II	12,945,668	12,945,668	-
6	PIPP Arrearage Credit - Phase III	9,573,470	9,573,470	-
7	PIPP Arrearage Credit - Phase IV	4,396,176	4,396,176	-
8	PIPP PYMC Credit	1,140,672	1,140,672	-
9	PIPP Plus 1/24th Credit	36,683,880	27,382,331	9,301,549
10	PIPP Plus Delta Credit	62,525,956	43,185,535	19,340,421
11	PIPP Grad Plus 1/24th Credit	1,222,164	1,019,765	202,399
12	PIPP Grad Plus Delta Credit	10,027,233	8,307,025	1,720,208
13	PIPP Enrollment/Reverification Fee	339,784	234,976	104,808
14	PIPP Plus 1/24th Credit - ADJ	(166,085)	(75,400)	(90,685)
15	PIPP Plus Delta Credit - ADJ	(49,429)	(30,477)	(18,952)
16	PIPP Grad Plus 1/24th Credit - ADJ	(2,042)	(1,424)	(618)
17	PIPP Grad Plus Delta Credit - ADJ	46,235	41,491	4,744
18	Total	679,808,412	671,721,169	8,087,243
19	Recoveries	(686,642,462)	(679,807,357)	(6,835,105)
20	(Over)/Under-Collection, TME March 31, 2013			(9,661,954)

# ATTACHMENT 2 PROPOSED TARIFFS

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Ninth Revised Sheet No. 24

### COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC.

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

#### PIP PLAN TARIFF SCHEDULE RIDER

#### APPLICABLE:

To all volumes delivered under rate schedules SGS, SGSS, GS, GSS and LGS except for those volumes delivered to Customers taking service under these rate schedules that were Transportation Service Customers prior to April 1, 2012 and were not subject to payment of the PIPP Rider prior to April 1, 2012.

#### RATE RIDER:

All gas consumed per account per month

(\$0.0092) per Mcf

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#### RATE RIDER:

All gas consumed per account per month

\$0.0294(\$0.0092) per Mcf

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#### COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC.

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

### 26. GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE BILLING ADJUSTMENTS

#### **INTERIM, EMERGENCY AND TEMPORARY**

#### PIP PLAN TARIFF SCHEDULE RIDER

#### **APPLICABLE**

To all customers who were sales customers as of June 3, 1994, and any new customer account established after June 3, 1994.

#### PIP PLAN TARIFF BASE RATE RIDER

A PIP Plan base rate rider of (\$.0092) per Mcf will apply to all tariff volumes of applicable customers.

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## SECTION VII PART 29 - BILLING ADJUSTMENTS

## INTERIM, EMERGENCY AND TEMPORARY PIP PLAN TARIFF SCHEDULE RIDER

29.1 Applicability

To all volumes delivered under rate schedules FRSGTS, FRGTS and FRLGTS except for those volumes delivered to Customers taking service under these rate schedules that were Transportation Service customers prior to April 1, 2012 and were not subject to payment of the PIPP Rider prior to April 1, 2012.

29.2 Rate

All gas consumed per account per month

\$0.0294(\$0.0092) per Mcf

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29.2 Rate

All gas consumed per account per month

(\$0.0092) per Mcf

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# ATTACHMENT 3 COMPUTATION OF PIP RIDER RATE

## Attachment 3

## Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. Computation of Percentage of Income Rider

Line No.	Ongoing Program Requirement	Amount
1 2 3	Cummulative PIPP Arrears Balance at March 31, 2013 Cummulative PIPP Arrears Balance at March 31, 2012 Ongoing Recovery Requirement	679,808,412 671,721,169 8,087,243
4 5	Projected Volumes Subject to Payment of PIPP Rider for the Twelve Months Ended May 31, 2014	172,006,803
6	Ongoing Component of PIPP Surcharge Rider Per Mcf	0.0470
7	Deferred PIPP Balance at March 31, 2013	(9,661,954)
8 9	Projected Volumes Subject to Payment of PIPP Rider for the Twelve Months Ended May 31, 2014	172,006,803
10	Deferred PIPP Recovery/Passback Requirement	(0.0562)
11	Total Proposed PIPP Surcharge Rider Per Mcf	(0.0092)
12	Current PIPP Rider	0.0294
13	Proposed Change in PIPP Rider	(0.0386)

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