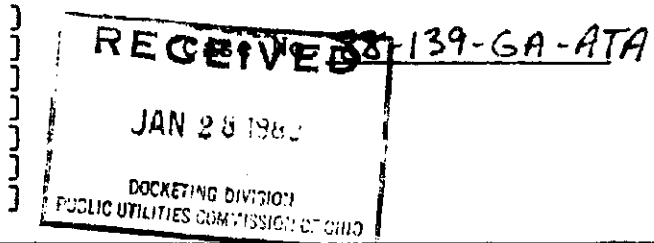


Before
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

Application Not for an Increase in Rates,
pursuant to Section 4909.18 Revised Code

In the Matter of:

Application of The Consumers
Natural Gas Company to Amend
its Rules and Regulations
Governing the Distribution and
Sale of Gas



1. APPLICANT RESPECTFULLY PROPOSES: (Check applicable proposals)

☐ New Service ☒ Change in Rule or Regulation

☐ New Classification ☐ Reduction in Rates

☐ Change in Classification ☐ Correction of Error

☐ Other, not involving increase in rates:

☐ Various related and unrelated textual revision, without
change in intent

2. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:

The Consumers Natural Gas Company ("Consumers") seeks to amend its tariff so that it will be consistent with the recent tariff revisions granted to Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. ("Columbia") in PUCO Case No. 87-1528-GA-ATA. Amendments, consistent with those made by Columbia, would be made to Consumers' tariff sections pertaining to Customer Service Lines, House Piping, Appliances, and Extension of Distribution Mains.

3. TARIFFS AFFECTED: (If more than 2, use additional sheets)

<u>P.U.C.O. No. 2</u>	<u>P.U.C.O. No.</u>
Tariff Title Rules and Regulations Governing the Distribution and Sale of Gas	Tariff Title
Section III	Section
Section Title	Section Title
Physical Property	
Paragraphs 1(b), 5, 6, and 12	Paragraph

4. Attached hereto and made a part hereof are: (Check applicable Exhibits)

XX Exhibit A - existing schedule sheets (to be superseded) if applicable

XX Exhibit B - proposed schedule sheets

 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.

XX Exhibit C-2 - if a change of classification, rule or regulation is proposed, a statement explaining reason for change.

 Exhibit C-3 - statement explaining reason for any proposal not covered in Exhibits C-1 or C-2.

5. This application will not result in an increase in any rate, joint rate, toll, classification, charge or rental.
6. Applicant respectfully requests the Commission to permit the filing of the proposed schedule sheets, to become effective on the date, subsequent to filing, to be shown on the proposed schedule sheets which will be filed with the Commission; and to be in the form of the schedule sheets in Exhibit B, modified by any further revisions that have become effective prior to the effective date of the proposed schedule sheets.



Attorney for Applicant

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~~Appropriate Company Officer~~

MULDOON, PEMBERTON & FERRIS

By: David L. Pemberton

VERIFICATION

State of OHIO, WOOD County, ss:

Norman J. Rood, President, and
Name of Officer (President) ~~(Vice-President)~~

Joan B. Rood, Secretary, of
Name of Officer (Secretary) ~~(Treasurer)~~

The Consumers Natural Gas Company, being first duly sworn
Name of Applicant

hereby verify this application.

Norman J. Rood
Norman J. Rood

Joan B. Rood
Joan B. Rood

Sworn and subscribed before me this 25th day of

January, 19 88.

Joseph A. White
Notary Public

JOSEPH A. WHITE
Notary Public, State of
My Commission Expires March

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Exhibit A

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE DISTRIBUTION
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SECTION III - PHYSICAL PROPERTY

1. Service Lines. The general term "service pipe" or "service line" is commonly used to designate the complete line or connection from the Company main up to and including the meter connection. It consists of two distinct parts, (a) the service line connection, and (b) the customer service line.

(a) Service Line Connection

The service line connection consists of the connection at the main, necessary pipe and appurtenances to extend to the property line or the curb cock location, curb cock and curb box. This connection shall be made by the Company, or its representative, without cost to the customer and it remains the property of the Company.

(b) Customer Service Line

The customer service line consists of the pipe from the outlet of the curb cock to and including the meter connection. The customer's service line shall be installed and maintained at the customer's expense and it shall be and remain the property of the customer. The Company shall have the right to prescribe the size, location and termination points of the customer's service line. The Company shall not be liable for any imperfections therein or for any damage, injury or loss resulting, directly or indirectly, from the escape of gas therefrom.

2. Meter Furnished. The Company will furnish each customer with a meter of such size and type as the Company may determine will adequately serve the customer's requirements and such meter shall be and remain the property of the Company and the Company shall have the right to replace it as the Company deems necessary.

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3. Meter Location. The Company shall determine the location of the meter.

When changes in a building or arrangements therein render the meter inaccessible or exposed to hazards, the Company may require the customer, at the customer's expense, to relocate the meter setting together with any portion of the customer's service line necessary to accomplish such relocation.

4. Only Company Can Connect Meter. The owner or customer shall not permit anyone who is not an authorized agent of the Company to connect or disconnect the Company's meters, regulators or gauges or in any way alter or interfere with the Company's meters, regulators or gauges.

5. House Piping. The customer shall furnish, install, and maintain, at the customer's expense, the house piping from the outlet of the meter to gas burning appliances in compliance with the approved requirements and specifications of all properly constituted authorities and governmental bodies.

6. Appliances. The customer shall install and maintain all appliances, at the customer's expense.

7. Standards for Customer's Property. The customer's service line, house lines, fittings, valve connections and appliance venting shall be installed with materials and workmanship which meet the reasonable requirements of the Company and shall be subject to inspection or test by the Company. The Company shall have no obligation to establish service until after such inspection and test demonstrates compliance with such requirements of the Company with respect to the facilities in place at the time of the test.

The first inspection or test at any premises, including both service lines and house lines, shall be without charge. In the case of leak, error, patent defect or other unsatisfactory condition resulting in the disapproval of the line by the Company, the necessary

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(Reserved)

12. Extension of Distribution Mains. The Company will extend its distribution mains (not to exceed two inches in diameter) on any dedicated street or highway without cost, up to but not more than, a distance of one hundred (100) feet for each Applicant. Upon application for a domestic service extension of main in excess of one hundred (100) feet for each Applicant, the Company may enter into a line extension agreement providing for a deposit with the Company of a sum deemed adequate by the Company to cover the cost to be incurred by it for that portion of the extension in excess of the footages which the Company will construct without cost to the applicant. The amount of deposit shall be determined by multiplying the excess footage as hereinabove determined by the average cost per foot to the Company of a similar size distribution main installed during the preceding calendar year. The sum so deposited shall be subject to refund on the basis of the cost per foot deposited multiplied by one hundred (100) for each additional Applicant who becomes a bona fide customer connected to the extension but not to laterals therefrom or to further extensions thereof. No refunds shall be paid after the expiration of ten (10) years from the date of the agreement.

Where a main extension is necessary to provide service availability to plots of lots or real estate subdivisions and such main extension is not deemed justified at the Company's expense, the owners or promoters of such plots of lots or real estate subdivisions shall enter into a line extension agreement and shall deposit with the Company the estimated cost of such extension. This deposit will be refunded at the average cost of one hundred (100) feet for each bona fide customer connected to the extension but not to laterals

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therefrom or to further extensions thereof. No refunds shall be paid after the expiration of ten (10) years from the date of the agreement.

Where a main extension is requested for service for commercial or industrial purposes and such main extension is determined by the Company to be economically feasible, the applicant or applicants may enter into a line extension agreement and shall deposit with the Company the estimated cost of such extension. This deposit will be refunded at the rate of forty percent (40%) of the semi-annual revenue received for gas consumed directly from the extension, such refunds to be made semi-annually for a period not to exceed ten (10) years from the date of extension agreement.

In no case shall the total of refunds exceed the amount deposited for the extension. Deposits will not draw interest. All extensions shall be the property of the Company.

The Company shall have no obligation to make any extensions during the months of December, January, February, or March.

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(b) Customer Service Line

The customer service line consists of the pipe from the outlet of the curb cock to and including the meter connection. The customer shall own and maintain the customer service line. The Company shall have the right to prescribe the size, location, and termination points of the customer's service line. The Company shall have no obligation to install, maintain, or repair said customer service line. The Company shall not provide or pay, directly or indirectly, the cost of customer service lines when competing with another regulated natural gas company, unless such company offers to provide or pay for customer service lines, directly or indirectly, or unless such assistance is essential to induce a prospective customer to utilize natural gas rather than an alternate source of energy.

2. Meter Furnished. The Company will furnish each customer with a meter of such size and type as the Company may determine will adequately serve the customer's requirements and such meter shall be and

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remain the property of the Company and the Company shall have the right to replace it as the Company deems necessary.

3. Meter Location. The Company shall determine the location of the meter.

When changes in a building or arrangements therein render the meter inaccessible or exposed to hazards, the Company may require the customer, at the customer's expense, to relocate the meter setting together with any portion of the customer's service line necessary to accomplish such relocation.

4. Only Company Can Connect Meter. The owner or customer shall not permit anyone who is not an authorized agent of the Company to connect or disconnect the Company's meters, regulators, or gauges or in any way alter or interfere with the Company's meters, regulators, or gauges.

5. House Piping. The customer shall own and maintain the house piping from the outlet of the meter to gas-burning appliances. The Company shall have no obligation to install, maintain, or repair said piping. The Company shall not provide or pay, directly or indirectly, for house piping when competing with another regulated natural gas company, unless such company offers to provide or pay for house piping, directly or indirectly, or unless such assistance is essential to induce a prospective customer to utilize natural gas rather than an alternate source of energy.

6. Appliances. The customer shall own and maintain all gas-burning appliances. The Company shall have no obligation to install, maintain, or repair appliances. The Company shall not provide or pay, directly or indirectly, for appliances when competing with another regulated natural gas company, unless such company offers to provide or pay for appliances, directly or indirectly, or unless such assistance is essential to induce a prospective customer to utilize natural gas rather than an alternate source of energy.

7. Standards for Customer's Property. The customer's service line, house lines, fittings, valve connections, and appliance venting shall be installed with materials and workmanship which meet the reasonable requirements of the Company and shall be subject to inspection or

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test by the Company. The Company shall have no obligation to establish service until after such inspection and test demonstrate compliance with such requirements of the Company with respect to the facilities in place at the time of the test.

The first inspection or test at any premises, including both service lines and house lines, shall be without charge. In the case of leak, error, patent defect or other unsatisfactory condition resulting in the disapproval of the line by the Company, the necessary correction shall be made at the customer's expense and then the lines will be inspected and tested again by the Company. Each additional inspection and test, when required after correction, shall be subject to a charge covering the cost thereof.

8. Discontinuance of Supply on Notice of Defect in Customer's Property. If the customer's service line, other gas lines, fittings, valves, connections, gas appliances, or equipment on a customer's premises are defective or in such condition as to constitute a hazard, the Company, upon notice to it of such defect or condition, may discontinue the supply of gas to such appliances or equipment or to such service line or such other gas lines until such defect or condition has been rectified by the customer in compliance with the reasonable requirements of the Company.

9. No Responsibility for Material or Workmanship. The Company is not responsible for maintenance of, or any imperfect material or defective or faulty workmanship in the customer's service line, house lines, fittings, valve connections, equipment, or appliances and is not responsible for any loss or damage arising from inadequate or improper maintenance or from imperfect material or defective or faulty workmanship, unless work was performed by the Company's employees, and the Company received payment for such work performed.

10. Inspection of Altered Piping. It shall be the duty of the customer to notify the Company promptly of any additions, changes, alterations, remodeling, or reconstruction affecting gas piping on the customer's premises.

11. (Reserved)

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12. Extension of Distribution Mains. The Company will extend its distribution mains (not to exceed two inches in diameter) on any dedicated street or highway without cost, up to but not more than, a distance of one hundred (100) feet for each Applicant. Upon application for a domestic service extension of main in excess of one hundred (100) feet for each Applicant, the Company may enter into a line extension agreement providing for a deposit with the Company of a sum deemed adequate by the Company to cover the cost to be incurred by it for that portion of the extension in excess of the footages which the Company will construct without cost to the Applicant. The amount of deposit shall be determined by multiplying the excess footage as hereinabove determined by the average cost per foot to the Company of a similar size distribution main installed during the preceding calendar year. The sum so deposited shall be subject to refund on the basis of the cost per foot deposited multiplied by one hundred (100) for each additional Applicant who becomes a bona fide customer connected to the extension but not to laterals therefrom or to further extensions thereof. No refunds shall be paid after the expiration of ten (10) years from the date of the agreement.

Where a main extension is necessary to provide service availability to plots of lots or real estate subdivisions and such main extension is not deemed justified at the Company's expense, the owners or promoters of such plots of lots or real estate subdivisions may enter into a line extension agreement and deposit with the Company the estimated cost of that portion of the main extension which is not deemed justified at the Company's expense. This deposit will be refunded at the average cost of one hundred (100) feet for each bona fide customer connected to the extension but not to laterals therefrom or to further extensions thereof. No refunds shall be paid after the expiration of ten (10) years from the date of the agreement.

Where a main extension is requested for commercial or industrial purposes and all or part of such main extension is not deemed economically justified at the Company's expense, based on a cost-benefit study, the Company shall require the Applicant or Applicants to enter into a line extension agreement and deposit with the Company the estimated cost of that portion of the main extension which is not deemed economically justified at the Company's expense, based on such study. This deposit will be refunded annually, based upon the incremental volumes sold directly from the main extension which are over and above those volumes

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used to determine the portion of the main extension to be done at the Company's expense. The refund shall be determined by multiplying such incremental volumes by the applicable base rates. No refunds shall be paid after the expiration of ten (10) years from the date of the agreement.

In no case shall the total of refunds exceed the amount deposited for the extension. Deposits will not draw interest. All extensions shall be the property of the Company.

The Company shall have no obligation to make any extensions during the months of December, January, February, or March.

Where a main extension is deemed economically justified at the Company's expense, based upon a cost-benefit study, no deposit need be required.

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Pursuant to the Commission's Order in Case No. 87-1528-GA-ATA, Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. ("Columbia") was granted permission to amend its tariff provisions pertaining to Customer Service Lines, House Piping, Appliances, and Extension of Distribution Mains. The Consumers Natural Gas Company ("Consumers") is filing this application to amend its tariff with similar amendments. These similar amendments would allow Consumers to furnish customer lines and house piping and to contribute to appliance costs for customers. Further, without such amendments, Consumers would be at a disadvantage when competing with electric utilities. The amendment concerning extension of distribution mains would remove current restrictions in Consumers' tariff and would provide Consumers with the necessary discretion to use a considerable amount of judgment in its determination of whether a main line extension is economically justified at the Company's expense.

In all, utilities should have tariffs that provide consistent opportunities to compete with other sources of energy and that minimize competitive disparities.