

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. for an)	Case No. 14-421-GA-PIP
Adjustment to its Interim, Emergency)	
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 Plan Rider"), and also requests approval to increase its PIP Plan Rider rate. In support of its Application, Columbia states as follows:

1. In Paragraph 51 of the Commission's December 14, 2011 Finding and Order in Case No. 08-1229-GA-COI, the Commission requires that each natural gas company to file an annual PIP Plan status report each May. The annual report is required to include the level of PIP Plan recoveries to write off and the rate, if applicable. In compliance with this Order, attached hereto as Attachment 1 is Columbia's annual PIP Plan Rider Report.

2. The December 14, 2011 Finding and Order also requires natural gas companies to file for approval of a PIP Plan rider rate adjustment whenever an increase or decrease of ten percent or more can be justified.

3. Columbia's current PIP Plan Rider rate is \$(0.0092) per Mcf. This rate became effective on May 30, 2013, and was designed to recover the project level of arrears expected to occur during the subsequent twelve-month period.

4. Columbia's annual review of its PIP Plan Rider rate indicates that the PIP Plan Rider rate should be increased to \$0.2806 per Mcf, an increase of \$0.2898 per Mcf.

5. The development of the proposed PIP Plan Rider of \$0.2806 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, plus an under-collection of \$19,888,782.

6. The method of computing the proposed PIP Plan Rider for purposes of this Application is consistent with that approved by the Commission's December 2, 1993 Finding and Order in Case No. 88-1115-GE-PIP, 90-705-GE-PIP and 90-879-GE-ORD ("1993 Order"). The 1993 Order provides for a proceeding by a utility to adjust its PIP Plan Rider to a "true-up" rate in order to recover, over a twelve-month period, the PIP Plan arrearages 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 Ohio Rev. Code 4909.16, continues to exist, and, in response to such emergency, that the PIP Plan should continue to be available to residential customers, as set forth in the Stipulation and Recommendation in Case No. 88-1115-GE-PIP, et al., approved by the 1993 Order. Said Stipulation and Recommendation provides for the adjustment of PIP Plan Riders upon request of the affected utility.

7. In the 1993 Order, the Commission established a procedure that permits a utility to implement a new PIP Plan 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. Columbia hereby requests that the proposed PIP Plan Rider rate set forth in this Application, absent Commission action, become effective on the forty-sixth day after the filing of this Application.

WHEREFORE, Columbia respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Application and proposed PIP Plan Rider rate as set forth herein and on 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.

Respectfully 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 @ 3/31/2014	Balance @ 3/31/2013	Annual Change
1	(Over)/Under-Collection at March 31, 2013			(9,661,954)
2	Net Charge-offs Less Than 2 Monts Old	24,567,400	18,260,287	6,307,113
3	Net Charge-offs Less Greater Than 2 Months Old	498,778,586	505,691,185	(6,912,599)
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	53,214,956	36,683,880	16,531,076
10	PIPP Plus Delta Credit	73,851,713	62,525,956	11,325,757
11	PIPP Grad Plus 1/24th Credit	1,567,093	1,222,164	344,929
12	PIPP Grad Plus Delta Credit	10,976,570	10,027,233	949,337
13	PIPP Enrollment/Reverification Fee	439,592	339,784	99,808
14	PIPP Plus 1/24th Credit - ADJ	(235,567)	(166,085)	(69,482)
15	PIPP Plus Delta Credit - ADJ	(48,862)	(49,429)	567
16	PIPP Grad Plus 1/24th Credit - ADJ	(5,860)	(2,042)	(3,818)
17	PIPP Grad Plus Delta Credit - ADJ	48,795	46,235	2,560
18	Total	708,383,660	679,808,412	28,575,248
19	Recoveries	(685,666,974)	(686,642,462)	975,488
20	(Over)/Under-Collection, TME March 31, 2014			19,888,782

ATTACHMENT 2
PROPOSED TARIFFS

Ninth Revised Sheet No. 24

PIP PLAN TARIFF SCHEDULE RIDER

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.

All gas consumed per account per month \$0.2806 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 \$0.2806 per Mcf will apply to all tariff volumes of applicable customers.

Filed under the authority of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio in Case No. dated June 24, 1993 in Case No. 93-1000-EL-FOR

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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 \$0.2806 per Mcf

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~~Ninth-Tenth~~ Revised Sheet No. 24

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RATE RIDER:

All gas consumed per account per month \$0.2806 ~~(\$0.0092)~~ per Mcf

Filed in accordance with Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Entry dated June 24, 1993 in Case No. 93-1000-EL-FOR.
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ATTACHMENT 3
COMPUTATION OF PIP PLAN RIDER RATE

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

Line No.	Ongoing Program Requirement	Amount
1	Cummulative PIPP Arrears Balance at March 31, 2014	708,383,660
2	Cummulative PIPP Arrears Balance at March 31, 2013	679,808,412
3	Ongoing Recovery Requirement	<u>28,575,248</u>
4	Projected Volumes Subject to Payment of PIPP Rider	
5	for the Twelve Months Ended May 31, 2015	172,717,391
6	Ongoing Component of PIPP Surcharge Rider Per Mcf	0.1654
7	Deferred PIPP Balance at March 31, 2014	19,888,782
8	Projected Volumes Subject to Payment of PIPP Rider	
9	for the Twelve Months Ended May 31, 2015	172,717,391
10	Deferred PIPP Recovery/Passback Requirement	0.1152
11	Total Proposed PIPP Surcharge Rider Per Mcf	0.2806
12	Current PIPP Rider	(0.0092)
13	Proposed Change in PIPP Rider	0.2898

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