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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
ATTN: Barcy McNeal
Director of Administration
Docketing Division - 11th Floor
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Case Number 89-8003-GA-TRF
Case Number 17-1005-GA-ATA

Dear Ms. McNeal:

In compliance with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio's rules governing Tariff Filing Procedures in Case Number 89-500-AU-TRF, Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. (Columbia) has enclosed for filing a copy in the above referenced dockets the following tariff sheets:

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Very truly yours,

/s/ Larry W. Martin

Larry W. Martin
Director
Regulatory Matters

Enclosures

COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC.

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6. Miscellaneous Charges

The following charges shall apply to all classes of customers:

(a) Reconnection Trip Charge

If a service is reconnected after disconnection, a charge of fifty-two dollars (\$52.00) shall be assessed.

(b) Connection Charge

If payment is made to an employee whose authorized purpose was to disconnect service and who is authorized to accept such payment, or to an employee dispatched to the premises to accept payment, a charge of five dollars and fifty cents (\$5.50) may be assessed on each of such visits and shall be payable at the time of such visit.

(c) Dishonored Check Charge

Whenever a customer pays a bill by check and the check is returned to the company by the customer's financial institution for lack of sufficient funds in the customer's account, there may be a dishonored check charge assessed for each check returned. Such customer shall be charged eighteen dollars (\$18.00) for processing the dishonored check.

(d) Late Payment Charge

If a bill payment is not received by the company or by the company's authorized agent on or before the specified payment date, which shall be the date of the company's next scheduled meter reading date whether actual or estimated, an additional amount of 1.5% of the unpaid balance on the subsequent bill will become due and payable as part of the customer's total obligation. This provision is not applicable to: (1) unpaid account balances existing prior to the effective date of this rule and regulation, or (2) unpaid account balances of customers enrolled in payment plans pursuant to Section 4901:1-18-04, Ohio Administrative Code.

(e) Excess Flow Valve Charge

If an eligible customer, as defined by 49 CFR 192.383, requests the installation of an excess flow valve on the Service Line, the requesting eligible customer must pay Columbia's average cost of installing an excess flow valve prior to Columbia's installation of the excess flow valve.

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(f) Tie-in Charge

If a tie-in is required to restore service to the same customer who had his/her service line cut and plugged as a result of repeated detection of unauthorized use of service, a charge of up to four hundred fifty seven dollars (\$457.00) or actual cost, whichever is less, shall be assessed. Unauthorized use of service includes:

- (1) Detection by Company of meter having been turned on after non-pay turn off by Company, or;
- (2) Detection by Company of meter and curb valve having been turned on after non-pay turn off, or;
- (3) Detection by Company of by-passing meter inlet and outlet connections after removal of meter.

(g) Theft of Service Investigation Fee

Whenever the gas service meter, metering equipment, or associated property is damaged, interfered with, displaced, bypassed or otherwise tampered with by a customer, consumer or other person, or when a person not authorized by Company has reconnected service, and Company investigator has been dispatched to investigate the matter prior to disconnection, the customer shall pay an Investigation Fee of eighty eight dollars (\$88.00) prior to reconnection in addition to other required reconnection charges. The Investigation Fee will only be levied in those circumstances where the company has reasonable proof of the customer's fraudulent or damaging practice. Reasonable proof includes: an admission by the customer; documentation evidencing the fraudulent or damaging practice; or, personal observation by Company personnel or representatives of Company.

(h) Meter Test Charge

If a meter is tested at the request of a customer and said test result demonstrates the meter was operating within accepted tolerances, a charge of forth dollars (\$40.00) shall be assessed. If the meter was not operating within accepted tolerances, there shall be no charge for the test or removal.

SECTION V – SALES SERVICE

1. Definitions (As used herein)

- A **“Account”** includes all gas consumption of the same individual, governmental entity or corporate entity (including subsidiaries and affiliates), that (1) occurs at a single service address; (2) is measured by a master meter; or (3) Company treated as a single “Account” prior to November 1, 2008.
- B **“Annual Period”** means the twelve-month period beginning on the first day of Customer's November billing cycle and ending on the last day of Customer's October billing cycle.
- C **“Business Day”** is a Day that is a weekday (Monday through Friday), excluding holidays.

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