

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Northeast )	
Ohio Natural Gas Corporation for Approval of )	
a change to its Percentage of Income Payment )	Case No. 17-409-GA-PIP
Plan Rider. )	

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**NORTHEAST OHIO NATURAL GAS CORPORATION’S PERCENTAGE OF  
INCOME PAYMENT PLAN RIDER APPLICATION**

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Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corporation (hereinafter, “Northeast” or “Applicant”) respectfully requests that the Commission approve a modification to Applicant’s Percentage of Income Payment Plan Rider (“PIPP Rider”). In support of its Application, Northeast states the following:

1. Northeast is an Ohio corporation engaged in the business of supplying natural gas to consumers within the State of Ohio and it is a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. Northeast’s principal office is located at 5640 Lancaster-Newark Road, NE, Pleasantville, Ohio 43148.
2. This Application is made pursuant to the provisions of the Commission’s Finding and Order dated December 2, 1993 in Case No. 88-1115-GE-PIP the Order in cases, 90-705-GE-PIP, and 90-879-GE-ORD and the June 23, 2010 Order in Case No. 08-1299-GA-COI.
3. Northeast’s proposed PIPP Rider rate is set forth in the proposed tariffs in Attachment 2. The development of the proposed PIPP Rider rate of \$0.00 per Mcf is set forth on Attachment 1. The proposed rate is designed to recover the deferred PIPP customer account balance that existed at May 31, 2017 over a one-year period, plus the projected level of arrears expected to occur during the succeeding twelve-month period.

4. The method of computing Applicant's proposed PIPP 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. After approval of this change to the PIPP Rider, Applicant will follow the procedure outlined therein for proceedings to further adjust the PIPP Rider in order to "true up" the rate so as to provide, as nearly as possible, for the recovery over a twelve month period 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 the prior year.

5. In direct testimony of the Commission Staff, accepted by the Commission in its December 2, 1993 Finding and Order in Case No. 88-1115-GE-PIPP, a procedure was adopted for the implementation of initial or revised PIPP rates similar to the procedure established by the Commission Entry dated June 25, 1993 in Case No. 93-1000-EL-FOR for the recovery of certain state EPA Emission Application Fees. This procedure requires a utility to implement its new rate on the forty-sixth day after its application unless there is action by the Commission to initiate an investigation and suspend the application. Northeast hereby requests that its proposed PIPP Rider rate as modified and set forth in the Application, absent such Commission action, become effective on the forty-sixth day after the filing of this Application.

**WHEREFORE,** Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corporation respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Application and the proposed modified PIPP Rider as set forth in Attachment 2, to become effective on the forty-sixth day after the filing of this Application.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of  
NORTHEAST OHIO NATURAL  
GAS CORPORATION



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RULES REGULATIONS AND RATES GOVERNING THE DISTRIBUTION AND  
TRANSPORTATION OF GAS

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**71. MCF TAX RIDER.** Applicable to all distribution and transportation services to provide for recovery of Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corp.'s excise tax liability. In addition to all other rates, each Mcf delivered is subject to the following excise tax:

First 100 Mcf per month	\$ .1593 per Mcf
Next 1,900 Mcf per month	\$ .0877 per Mcf
Over 2,000 Mcf per month	\$0.411 Per Mcf
 Flex Customers	 \$0200 per Mcf

All bills rendered to a Flex Customer as defined by O.R.C. 5727.80(N) shall be assessed using the Flex Customer rate above (\$.02 per Mcf) with a corresponding reduction to flexed base rate billed to that customer.

**72. Uncollectible Expense Rider.** Applicable to all customers served under rate schedules SGS, GS, and LGS. An additional charge of \$0.0232 per Mcf shall be applied to all volumes for services rendered under applicable rate schedules to recover costs associated with uncollectible accounts arising from those customers responsible for paying the Uncollectible Expense Rider. The Company shall file an application with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio requesting approval to change the rate if the Company determines that an adjustment of more than plus or minus ten percent is needed to adjust for prior period over or under collections.

**73. Interim, Emergency and Temporary PIP Plan Tariff Schedule Rider.** Applicable to all distribution and transportation services and in addition to all other rates and charges, the Interim Emergency and Temporary PIP Plan Rate base rate rider for gas service established in ~~accordance with an Entry in~~ Case No. ~~17-40913-2351~~-GA-PIP is \$0.00~~0511~~ per Mcf delivered.

Filed pursuant to PUCO Application dated ~~August 28, 2017~~~~December 5, 2013~~ in Case No. ~~173-~~

~~2351~~~~409~~-GA-PIP

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**ATTACHMENT 2****Northeast Ohio Natural Gas  
PIPP Rider Calculation  
As of May 31, 2017**

Balance of PIPP at 5/31/17	(200,864)
Projected Volumes Subject to Payment of the PIPP rider for 36 months ended May 2017	6,300,000
Ongoing Component of PIPP Surcharge Rider Per Mcf	(\$0.03188)
Anticipated Write-offs	\$200,864
Projected Volumes Subject to Payment of the PIPP rider for 12 months ended May 2017	6,300,000
Deferred Pipp Recovery/Passback	\$0.03188
Total Proposed Pipp Surcharge Rider	\$0.00000
Current Pipp Rider	\$0.05113
Proposed Change in PIPP rider	(\$0.05113)

**Northeast Ohio Natural Gas**  
**Deferred PIPP Balance**  
**As of May 31, 2017**

	<b>1/16-5/17</b>	<b>Total 07/09 - 12/15</b>	<b>Total 07/09 - 5/17</b>
Beginning PIPP account balances	\$0	\$99,325	\$99,325
PIPP Customer Billings	\$245,090	\$1,246,630	\$1,491,720
Payments from Customers	(\$126,045)	(\$743,912)	(\$869,956)
HEAP Credits	(\$56,476)	(\$250,796)	(\$307,272)
Other Credits (Write offs) and Charges	(\$152,182)	(\$216,628)	(\$368,810)
Staff proposed adjustment		\$16,103	\$16,103
Balance to recover from Customers	(\$89,612)	\$150,721	\$61,109
Recoveries from PIPP rider	(\$192,633)	(\$504,035)	(\$696,668)
Write Offs and Arrearage Credits 1/16-5/17	\$135,888	\$298,807	\$434,695
Arrearage Credits 11/13-10/15	(82,601.55)	82,601.55	-
Deferred PIPP Balance 5/31/17	(\$228,959)	\$28,095	(\$200,864)

**Northeast Ohio Natural Gas**  
**Write Off Summary**  
**2009-2017**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Write Off Amount</b>
2009	0.00
2010	0.00
2011	(76,120.27)
2012	(58,317.91)
2013	(100,096.23)
2014	(49,486.64)
2015	(14,786.06)
2016	(128,310.35)
2017	(7,577.35)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(434,694.81)</b>

**Northeast Ohio Natural Gas**  
**Recoveries from All Customers for PIPP Rider**  
**2009-2017**

<b>Year/Months</b>	<b>Recovery Amount</b>
Sep 2009 thru Dec 2009	12,165.83
2010	56,849.33
2011	60,583.38
2012	55,093.02
2013	70,656.16
2014	127,308.34
2015	121,378.85
2016	117,166.40
2017	75,466.84
Total	696,668.15

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