BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. for an)	Case No. 18-421-GA-PIP
Adjustment to its Interim, Emer-)	
gency 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 directed 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 \$(0.0115) per Mcf. This rate became effective on May 31, 2017, and was designed to recover the projected 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 \$0.1053 per Mcf, an increase of \$0.1168 per Mcf. Attachment 2 is a copy of the proposed tariff sheets that provide for the proposed increase in Columbia's PIP Rider rate.

- 5. The development of the proposed PIP Plan Rider of \$0.1053 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 \$10,445,593.61.
- 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

Line No.	Description	Balance @ 3/31/2018	Balance @ 3/31/2017	Annual Change
1	(Over)/Under-Collection at March 31, 2017			(8,662,039)
2	Net Charge-offs Less Than 2 Months Old	11,730,657	8,095,333	3,635,324
3	Net Charge-offs Greater Than 2 Months Old	481,592,697	483,392,197	(1,799,501)
4	PIPP Arrearage Credit - Phase I	17,173,284	17,173,284	0
5	PIPP Arrearage Credit - Phase II	12,945,669	12,945,669	0
6	PIPP Arrearage Credit - Phase III	9,573,468	9,573,468	0
7	PIPP Arrearage Credit - Phase IV	4,396,175	4,396,175	0
8	PIPP PYMC Credit	1,140,675	1,140,675	0
9	PIPP Plus 1/24th Credit	96,162,082	86,678,560	9,483,522
10	PIPP Plus Delta Credit	103,972,010	99,509,429	4,462,580
11	PIPP Grad Plus 1/24th Credit	2,311,988	2,156,604	155,384
12	PIPP Grad Plus Delta Credit	13,259,604	12,920,611	338,993
13	PIPP Enrollment/Reverification Fee	921,784	673,728	248,056
14	PIPP Plus 1/24th Credit - ADJ	(560,519)	(519,860)	(40,658)
15	PIPP Plus Delta Credit - ADJ	(116,956)	(103,038)	(13,918)
16	PIPP Grad Plus 1/12th Credit - ADJ	(7,935)	(7,746)	(190)
17	PIPP Grad Plus Delta Credit - ADJ	46,224	46,162	62
18	Post PIPP 1/12th Credit	14,879	5,917	8,962
19	Post PIPP 1/12th Credit - ADJ	22	0	22
20	Net Charge Offs - Unbilled Revenue	137,281	(932,000)	1,069,281
21	Total	754,693,088	737,145,168	17,547,920
22	Recoveries	(743,540,435)	(742,979,240)	(561,195)
23	(Over)/Under-Collection, TME March 31, 2018			8,324,685

ATTACHMENT 2 PROPOSED TARIFFS

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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

\$0.1053 per Mcf

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COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC.

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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 \$0.1053 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 \$0.1053 per Mcf

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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

\$0.1053\\$(0.0115) per Mcf

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All gas consumed per account per month

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Filed in accordance with Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Order dated December 2, 1993 in Case No. 88-1115-GA-PIP.

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ATTACHMENT 3 COMPUTATION OF PIP PLAN RIDER RATE

Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. Computation of Proposed PIPP Rate

Line No.	Description	Reference	Amount \$
1	Projected PIPP Arrears Balance @ May 31, 2018	Attachment 3, page 3 of 4	10,445,593.61
2	Projected Increase/Decrease in PIPP Arrears June 2018 - May 2019	Attachment 3, page 2 of 4	7,874,808.53
3	Total		18,320,402.14
4	Projected Throughput Subject to PIPP Surcharge Twelve Months Ending May 31, 2019	Attachment 3, page 4 of 4	173,913,043
5	Proposed PIPP Rate Per Mcf		0.1053

Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. Computation of Projected Change In PIPP Arrears April 2018 Through May 2019

														Incremental		
		Projected	Projected						Gross		Total	Less	Less	Change	Projected	Projected
	PIPP	PIPP	Usage/	Customer	IRP	IDR	Commodity	Gas	Receipts	Total	PIPP	Customer	HEAP/Other	PIPP	DSS	Commodity
	Customers	Consumption	Customer	Charge	Charge	Charge	Charge	Cost	Tax	Bill	Billings	Payments 2)	Payments	Arrears	Rate	Rate 1)
	(1)	(2)	$(3 = 2 \div 1)$	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7 = 3 X 16)	(8=3 X 15)	(9)	(10)	$(11 = 1 \times 10)$	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)
			Mcf	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
APR 2018	55,727	618,520	11.10	17.81	8.96	0.14	9.51	43.52	3.99	83.93	4,676,935.72	2,054,654	1,131,297	1,490,984.23	3.92	0.86
MAY	51,724	274,935	5.32	17.81	8.91	0.14	4.68	21.05	2.62	55.21	2,855,753.50	1,907,064	620,766	327,923.62	3.96	0.88
TOTAL APR 2018 - MA	Y 2018													1,818,907.85		
JUN	55,998	137,887	2.46	17.81	8.91	0.01	2.53	9.85	1.95	41.06	2,299,112.69	2,064,646	370,020	(135,553.57)	4.00	1.03
JUL	54,800	85,058	1.55	17.81	8.91	0.01	1.52	6.27	1.72	36.25	1,986,353.83	2,020,476	324,989	(359,111.17)	4.04	0.98
AUG	53,853	81,992	1.52	17.81	8.91	0.01	1.50	6.17	1.72	36.11	1,944,470.23	1,985,560	46,741	(87,830.88)	4.05	0.98
SEP	53,238	87,048	1.64	17.81	8.91	0.01	1.61	6.59	1.74	36.67	1,952,099.03	1,962,885	14,536	(25,322.03)	4.03	0.98
OCT	57,587	144,132	2.50	17.81	8.91	0.01	2.25	10.14	1.95	41.06	2,364,707.39	2,123,233	25,805	215,669.70	4.05	0.90
NOV	57,121	362,650	6.35	17.81	8.91	0.01	5.70	26.03	2.92	61.37	3,505,673.87	2,106,051	21,872	1,377,750.60	4.10	0.90
DEC	57,712	749,092	12.98	17.81	8.91	0.01	11.65	54.77	4.65	97.80	5,644,148.53	2,127,841	51,850	3,464,457.09	4.22	0.90
JAN 2019	59,408	1,110,958	18.70	17.81	8.91	0.01	17.10	80.60	6.21	130.63	7,760,472.17	2,190,373	1,921,711	3,648,388.21	4.31	0.91
FEB	56,947	1,006,847	17.68	17.81	8.91	0.01	16.16	75.67	5.91	124.48	7,088,677.05	2,099,636	4,106,164	882,877.16	4.28	0.91
MAR	54,465	782,345	14.36	17.81	8.91	0.01	13.13	60.04	4.98	104.89	5,712,625.41	2,008,125	6,347,561	(2,643,060.14)	4.18	0.91
APR	53,377	542,778	10.17	17.81	8.91	0.01	9.76	39.56	3.79	79.84	4,261,788.80	1,968,010	1,131,297	1,162,481.81	3.89	0.96
MAY	52,048	274,206	5.27	17.81	10.11	0.01	5.06	20.34	2.66	55.98	2,913,837.50	1,919,010	620,766	374,061.74	3.86	0.96

TOTAL JUN 2018 - MAY 2019 7,874,808.53

¹⁾ Projected Commodity Rate consists of PIPP Rider, Excise Tax Rider, Uncollectible Tax Rider, Regulatory Assessment Rider, Demand Side Management, Non-Temperature Balancing Service and CHOICE/SCO Reconciliation Rider.

²⁾ Average PIPP Payment = \$36.87

Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. Computation of Projected Change In PIPP Balance at May 31, 2018

	Projected				
	Change	PIPP	Actual/	Projected	Projected/
	PIPP	Surcharge	Projected	Surcharge	Actual
	Arrears	Recoveries	Balance	Volumes	Surcharge Rate
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	\$	\$	\$	Mcf	\$
JAN 2018			3,046,779		
FEB			5,450,785		
MAR			8,324,686		
APR	1,490,984	(200,000)	10,015,670	17,391,304	(0.0115)
MAY	327,924	(102,000)	10,445,594	8,869,565	(0.0115)
JUN	(135,553.57)	531,291.66	9,778,748	5,043,478	0.1053
JUL	(359,111.17)	403,048.85	9,016,588	3,826,087	0.1053
AUG	(87,830.88)	393,888.65	8,534,869	3,739,130	0.1053
SEP	(25,322.03)	421,369.25	8,088,178	4,000,000	0.1053
OCT	215,669.70	586,252.87	7,717,594	5,565,217	0.1053
NOV	1,377,750.60	1,227,466.94	7,867,878	11,652,174	0.1053
DEC	3,464,457.09	2,427,453.28	8,904,882	23,043,478	0.1053
JAN 2019	3,648,388.21	3,490,036.61	9,063,233	33,130,435	0.1053
FEB	882,877.16	3,343,473.39	6,602,637	31,739,130	0.1053
MAR	(2,643,060.14)	2,711,419.52	1,248,158	25,739,130	0.1053
APR	1,162,481.81	1,841,200.42	569,439	17,478,261	0.1053
MAY	374,061.74	943,500.71	0	8,956,522	0.1053

Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. Projected Surcharge Volumes at May 31, 2019

	Projected Surcharge Volumes
	Mcf
Apr 2018	17,391,304
May 2018	<u>8,869,565</u>
TOTAL THROUGHPUT APR 2018 - MAY 2018	26,260,870
JUN 2018	5,043,478
JUL	3,826,087
AUG	3,739,130
SEP	4,000,000
ОСТ	5,565,217
NOV	11,652,174
DEC	23,043,478
JAN 2019	33,130,435
FEB	31,739,130
MAR	25,739,130
APR	17,478,261
MAY	8,956,522
TOTAL THROUGHPUT TME May 2019	173,913,043

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