

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Duke)	
Energy Ohio, Inc., for Approval to)	Case No. 21-318-GA-UEx
Adjust its Gas Uncollectible Rider Rate.)	

**APPLICATION OF DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.,
TO ADJUST UNCOLLECTIBLE EXPENSE RIDER RATE**

Pursuant to R.C. 4909.18, Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., (Duke Energy Ohio or Company) requests approval to adjust the rate for its gas uncollectible rider, Rider UE-G.

Duke Energy Ohio is an Ohio corporation engaged in the business of supplying natural gas to customers in southwestern Ohio, all of whom, except Interruptible Transportation customers, will be affected by this Application, and is a public utility as defined by R.C. 4905.02 and 4905.03. Duke Energy Ohio serves incorporated communities and unincorporated territory within its entire service area, which includes all or parts of Adams, Brown, Butler, Clinton, Clermont, Hamilton, Montgomery, and Warren Counties in Ohio.

In support of its Application, Duke Energy Ohio states as follows:

1. This Application is made pursuant to the Finding and Order issued by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) on December 21, 2005, in Case Nos. 05-732-EL-MER, 05-733-EL-AAM, and 05-974-GA-AAM. In its Finding and Order, the Commission instructed Duke Energy Ohio to purchase receivables of competitive natural gas suppliers without a discount. The Commission also approved Duke Energy Ohio's request for a gas uncollectible expense recovery rider.

2. The gas uncollectible expense rider, Rider UE-G, currently has a monthly charge of \$0.005064 per CCF, which was approved in Case No. 20-318-GA-UEx in an Opinion and Order dated July 15, 2020.

3. In the Finding and Order issued by the Commission on December 17, 2003, in Case No. 03-1127-GA-UNC, at page 13, and in the Finding and Order issued by the Commission on August 19, 2009, in Case No. 08-1229-GA-COI, at paragraph 12, the Commission instructed natural gas utilities to file an annual report that details the amounts recovered, deferred, and, if applicable, amortized pursuant to the respective uncollectible expense riders. Duke Energy Ohio's annual report is submitted with this Application for Rider UE-G.

4. Attachment 1 to this Application includes both the required annual report and the calculation of the proposed, amended rate for Rider UE-G.

5. Pursuant to the Finding and Order dated June 17, 2020 in Case No. 20-1011-GE-AAM, the Company is including \$518,910 of COVID-related net costs (deferred costs offset by savings) in this Application.

6. Attachment 1 identifies the amounts recovered, deferred, and amortized pursuant to the rider, and details the calculation of the proposed rate, at page one. This proposed rider rate is calculated to be \$0.006079 per CCF, which is an increase of \$0.001015 per CCF from the amount authorized in Case No. 20-318-GA-UEx.

7. The annual report, as required by the Commission, is set forth on pages two through four of Attachment 1. Page two shows the actual uncollectible tracker balance through March 31, 2021. Page three shows the projected bad debt expense for the twelve-month period ending March 31, 2022. Page four shows the projected volumes for the twelve-month period ending March 31, 2022.

8. This resulting rate of \$0.006079 per CCF for all Duke Energy Ohio customers subject to Rider UE-G is just and reasonable and should be approved. Copies of the proposed and scored tariff sheets are included as Attachment 2 to this Application.

WHEREFORE, Duke Energy Ohio respectfully requests that the Commission approve the new uncollectible expense rider rate for Rider UE-G as proposed in this Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Amended Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., to Adjust the Percentage of Income Payment Plan Rider Rate was served via electronic mail, this 25th day of May 2021, upon the following:

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Duke Energy Ohio Gas
Calculation of Uncollectible Expense Rider Rate

Line	Description	Source	Amount	Projected Volume (CCF) Page 4	Unit Rate (\$/CCF)
1	Actual Uncollectible Tracker Balance through March 31, 2021 (a)	Page 2	(\$1,962,352)		
2	COVID Costs April 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021	Page 2	\$518,910		
3	Projected Bad Debt April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022	Page 3	\$4,774,038		
4	Unrecovered Uncollectible Expenses through March 31, 2022	Line 1 + Line 2 + Line 3	<u>\$3,330,596</u>	547,877,874	\$0.006079
5	Current Uncollectible Rider Rate	See Note (b)			\$0.005064
6	Increase/(Decrease) in Total Uncollectible Expense Rate	Line 3 - Line 4			<u>\$0.001015</u>
7	Percentage Difference in Recovery of Uncollectible Expenses				20%

(a) Actual uncollectible expense less amounts recovered in base rates and Rider UE-G plus carrying charges
(b) Rate approved in Case No. 20-318-GA-UEX; effective July 30, 2020

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Uncollectibles Tracker Balance

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Line		Source	2020 Actual										2021 Actual			Total
			April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March		
1	Unrecovered Balance - Beginning of Month	Ending Balance Prior Month	(\$1,026,355)	(\$1,244,865)	(\$1,288,245)	(\$912,704)	(\$849,019)	(\$821,535)	(\$787,741)	(\$784,455)	(\$792,514)	(\$1,052,270)	(\$1,422,510)	(\$1,709,525)		
2	Bad Debts Written Off - Net of Customer Recoveries	Gross/Net Write Off Report	\$121,626	\$221,539	\$523,742	\$168,091	\$97,466	\$101,985	\$97,335	\$175,490	\$108,754	\$141,192	\$240,160	\$159,031	\$2,156,411	
3	Recovery - Base Rates	See Note (a)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
4	Recovery - Uncollectible Rider	See Note (b)	(\$339,001)	(\$264,032)	(\$147,432)	(\$104,229)	(\$69,815)	(\$68,111)	(\$93,970)	(\$183,392)	(\$368,325)	(\$511,185)	(\$526,862)	(\$411,491)	(\$3,087,844)	
5	Recovery - Other Adjustments	See Note (c)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
6	Incremental Bad Debt	Lines (2)+(3)+(4)+(5)	(\$217,375)	(\$42,493)	\$376,310	\$63,862	\$27,651	\$33,874	\$3,365	(\$7,902)	(\$259,571)	(\$369,993)	(\$286,702)	(\$252,460)		
7	Balance Sub-Total	Line (1) + Line (6)	(\$1,243,730)	(\$1,287,358)	(\$911,934)	(\$848,843)	(\$821,368)	(\$787,661)	(\$784,376)	(\$792,357)	(\$1,052,085)	(\$1,422,262)	(\$1,709,212)	(\$1,961,985)		
8	Carrying Charges	Lines (((1)+(7)))/(2)] * (Line 12)	(\$1,135)	(\$886)	(\$770)	(\$176)	(\$167)	(\$80)	(\$79)	(\$158)	(\$184)	(\$247)	(\$313)	(\$367)	(\$4,564)	
10	Unrecovered Balance - End of Month	Line (7) + Line (8)	(\$1,244,865)	(\$1,288,245)	(\$912,704)	(\$849,019)	(\$821,535)	(\$787,741)	(\$784,455)	(\$792,514)	(\$1,052,270)	(\$1,422,510)	(\$1,709,525)	(\$1,962,352)		
11	COVID Cost Recovery	See Note (d)	\$61,675	\$133,746	\$77,839	\$3,149	(\$120,477)	\$217,344	\$135,073	\$1,306	\$23,387	\$37,018	(\$12,804)	(\$38,346)	\$518,910	
12	Monthly Carrying Charge rate	See Note (e)	0.10000%	0.07000%	0.07000%	0.02000%	0.02000%	0.01000%	0.01000%	0.02000%	0.02000%	0.02000%	0.02000%	0.02000%		

(a) Uncollectible expense was removed from base rates effective December 1, 2009 per Order in Case No. 09-773-GA-UEx
(b) Rate approved in Case No. 20-318-GA-UEx effective July 30, 2020
(c) Not applicable at this time
(d) Source: Accounting General Ledger
(e) Source: Treasury

Per Merger Order Case No. 05-732-EL-MER, carrying charge rate should be short term debt rate authorized in last distribution rate case. Since no short term debt in authorized capital structure, used money pool rate.

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Duke Energy Ohio Gas
Projected Bad Debt Expense for Upcoming Twelve Months

Line		Source	2021 PROJECTED										2022 PROJECTED			Total
			April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March		
1	Unrecovered Balance - Beginning of Month	Ending Balance Prior Month	(\$1,962,352)	(\$1,720,005)	(\$1,290,993)	(\$817,085)	(\$308,233)	\$191,867	\$693,269	\$1,146,354	\$1,582,847	\$2,046,258	\$2,446,217	\$2,696,280		
2	Bad Debts Written Off - Net of Customer Recoveries	Projection	\$242,347	\$429,012	\$473,908	\$508,852	\$500,100	\$501,402	\$453,085	\$436,493	\$463,411	\$399,959	\$250,063	\$115,406		
3	Recovery - Base Rates	See Note (a)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
4	Recovery - Uncollectible Rider	See Note (b)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
5	Recovery - Other Adjustments	See Note (c)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
6	Incremental Bad Debt	Lines (2)+(3)+(4)+(5)	\$ 242,347	\$ 429,012	\$ 473,908	\$ 508,852	\$ 500,100	\$ 501,402	\$ 453,085	\$ 436,493	\$ 463,411	\$ 399,959	\$ 250,063	\$ 115,406	\$ 4,774,038	
7	Balance Sub-Total	Line (1) + Line (6)	(\$1,720,005)	(\$1,290,993)	(\$817,085)	(\$308,233)	\$191,867	\$693,269	\$1,146,354	\$1,582,847	\$2,046,258	\$2,446,217	\$2,696,280	\$2,811,686	To Page 1	
8	Carrying Charges	Lines [((1)+(7))](2)] * (Line 10)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		
9	Unrecovered Balance - End of Month	Line (7) + Line (8)	(\$1,720,005)	(\$1,290,993)	(\$817,085)	(\$308,233)	\$191,867	\$693,269	\$1,146,354	\$1,582,847	\$2,046,258	\$2,446,217	\$2,696,280	\$2,811,686		

- (a) Uncollectible expense was removed from base rates effective December 1, 2009 per Order in Case No. 09 773 GA UEX
(b) Uncollectible rider is currently \$0.007778 per CCF
(c) Not applicable at this time

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Revenue Collected for Uncollectible Expense

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Line	Description	Source	Projected 12 Months Ended March 2022												Total Thru Mar-22
			Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	
1	CCF Sales														
1	Residential (RS)	Load Forecasting	10,502,145	3,958,138	2,254,192	2,072,554	2,049,709	2,441,243	6,211,962	14,184,941	24,686,110	29,429,590	25,734,095	18,866,639	142,391,348
2	General Service (GS)	Load Forecasting	4,095,603	1,795,303	1,349,101	1,134,343	1,162,475	1,352,791	2,136,302	5,204,509	9,164,439	11,036,499	9,633,333	7,375,165	55,744,849
3	Total Sales Service		14,598,748	5,743,440	3,603,293	3,206,897	3,212,184	3,794,034	8,348,264	19,389,450	33,850,549	40,466,079	35,367,428	26,241,799	198,136,197
4	Residential Transportation (RFT)	Load Forecasting	11,377,324	4,119,695	2,442,941	2,157,148	2,133,371	2,540,896	6,465,543	15,367,020	27,837,539	31,842,055	27,878,603	20,438,898	154,640,572
5	Firm Transportation (FT)	Load Forecasting	14,410,581	8,413,703	7,384,282	7,040,266	7,071,078	8,000,156	11,448,429	19,716,927	28,902,877	31,375,156	28,331,722	22,705,340	194,800,517
6	Intermittent Transportation (IT)	Load Forecasting	16,017,794	15,297,823	15,027,690	15,039,677	15,061,274	14,570,417	15,962,345	17,399,129	19,013,301	20,566,367	18,854,459	18,409,218	201,255,694
7	Total Transportation Service		41,805,699	27,831,221	24,834,913	24,237,291	24,205,753	25,117,459	33,906,317	52,483,076	75,753,706	80,362,579	75,864,784	61,553,410	550,096,703
8	Other														
8	Interdepartmental	Load Forecasting	131,744	76,443	20,465	70,616	59,184	65,789	132,773	96,086	223,429	196,874	266,245	171,911	1,511,559
9	Street Lighting	Load Forecasting	25,698	25,434	25,696	25,559	25,699	25,696	25,696	25,696	25,696	25,696	25,696	25,696	311,888
10	Total Other		157,442	101,847	46,161	96,186	84,883	91,485	158,469	121,782	252,256	222,570	291,941	197,607	1,823,447
11	Total Throughput	Line 3 + Line 7 + Line 10	56,561,887	33,676,508	28,503,469	27,540,354	27,562,787	29,002,978	42,413,080	71,994,308	109,856,554	124,512,227	111,024,153	87,996,822	750,045,127
12	Exclude CCF Sales not eligible for Uncollectible														
12	Intermittent Transportation (IT)	Line 6	16,017,794	15,297,823	15,027,690	15,039,677	15,061,274	14,576,417	15,962,345	17,399,129	19,013,301	20,566,367	18,854,459	18,409,218	201,255,694
13	Interdepartmental	Line 8	131,744	76,443	20,465	70,616	59,184	65,789	132,773	96,086	223,429	196,874	266,245	171,911	1,511,559
14	Total Sales Excluded from Uncollectible		16,149,538	15,374,266	15,048,155	15,110,493	15,120,458	14,642,206	16,125,118	17,495,215	19,236,730	20,763,241	19,120,704	18,581,129	202,767,253
15	Total CCF Sales Recovering Uncollectible Expense	Line 11 + Line 14	40,412,349	18,302,242	13,455,314	12,429,861	12,442,329	14,360,772	26,287,962	54,499,093	90,619,824	103,748,986	91,903,449	69,415,693	547,077,874

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RIDER UE-G
UNCOLLECTIBLE EXPENSE RIDER

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all sales service and firm transportation customers.

DESCRIPTION

This rider enables the recovery of 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 if the Company determines that an adjustment of more than plus or minus ten (10) percent is needed to adjust for prior period over or under-collections.

This Rider is subject to reconciliation, including, but not limited to, refunds or additional charges to customers, ordered by the Commission as the result of annual audits by the Commission in accordance with the Finding and Order issued on December 21, 2005, in Case Nos. 05-732-EL-MER, 05-733-EL-AAM, and 05-974-GA-AAM, if determined to be unreasonable or imprudent by the Commission in the docket in which those rates were approved; provided, however, that such reconciliation shall be limited to the twelve-month period of upon which the rates were calculated.

MONTHLY CHARGE

A charge of \$0.006079 per CCF shall be applied to all gas volumes delivered to customers in the customer classes noted above.

SERVICE REGULATIONS

The supplying and billing for service and all conditions applying thereto, are subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, and to the Company's Service Regulations currently in effect, as filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

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