BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

APPLICA	TION	105080000000000000000000000000000000000
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PIKE NATURAL GAS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF AN ADJUSTMENT TO ITS UNCOLLECTIBLE EXPENSE RATE RIDER)	CASE NO. 23-0314-GA-UEX

Respectfully submitted,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

The Pike Natural Gas Company ("Pike") hereby submits its annual Uncollectible Expense Rider Report and respectfully requests approval to revise its Uncollectible Expense Rider rate. In support of its Application, Pike states as follows:

- On January 26, 2005, the Commission issued an Entry in Case No. 04-1339-GA-UEX, in which it approved Pike's application to defer its uncollectible expenses for calendar year 2004 rather than immediately institute an uncollectible rider.
- 2. The Commission in its Entry in Case No. 04-1339-GA-UEX, ordered that an uncollectible rider would be considered in Pike's next base rate case.
- 3. On June 28, 2005, Pike filed a Notice of Intent for its base rate case, Case No. 05-824-GA-AIR.
- 4. On June 28, 2006, the Commission issued its Opinion and Order in Case No. 05-824-GA-AIR, in which it approved the Stipulation and Recommendation of the parties and authorized the current uncollectible expense rider rate of \$0.00787 per Ccf.
- 5. The Stipulation and Recommendation further required Pike to submit a report of 2004 and 2005 uncollectibles written off, balances deferred, and amounts

- recovered within 60 days of approval of the rider along with a description of its credit and collection policies. This report and the description of the credit and collection policies was filed with the Commission on July 31, 2006.
- 6. The Stipulation and Recommendation approved by the Commission, requires that subsequent reports will be filed in May of each year and will include annual data from the prior year.
- 7. Pike filed a report in compliance with the Stipulation and Recommendation on April 30, 2007 (Case No. 07-513-GA-UEX) and requested a new rider of \$0.00155 per Ccf. The rate was approved by the Commission in its Entry of June 27, 2007 and became effective July 1, 2007.
- 8. On April 30, 2008, Pike filed Case No. 08-562-GA-UEX reporting the status of its uncollectible rider. Since the change in the rate calculated was not more than plus or minus ten percent, no rate change was requested and the prior rate of \$0.00155 per Ccf was continued.
- 9. On April 30, 2009, Pike filed Case No. 09-368-GA-UEX and requested a new rider of \$0.00597 per Ccf, which was approved by the Commission's Entry on June 10, 2009 and became effective July 1, 2009.
- 10. On April 29, 2010, Pike filed Case No. 10-573-GA-UEX and requested a new rate of \$0.00405 per Ccf, which was approved by the Commission's Entry on May 26, 2010 and became effective June 1, 2010.
- 11. On May 5, 2011, Pike filed Case No. 11-0314-GA-UEX and requested a new rate of \$0.00010 per Ccf. This rate was amended to \$0.00000 in Pike's Revised Application, filed May 19, 2011, which was approved by the Commission's Entry on June 22, 2011 and became effective July 1, 2011.
- 12. The Commission in its Entry of June 22, 2011 directed the PUCO Staff to examine Pike's UEX balances, write-offs, and recoveries for 2009 and 2010, and

- that any required adjustments or corrections be considered in Pike's 2012 UEX rider application.
- 13. On November 3, 2011 the Report by the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Audit of the Uncollectibles Expense Mechanisms for the Period of January 2009 through December 2010 was filed in Case No. 11-0314-GA-UEX. The Staff in its report made no recommendations or adjustments.
- 14. On April 26, 2012, Pike filed an application to increase its current UEX rider rate to \$0.0128 per Mcf. Staff reviewed the application and, on June 13, 2012, filed comments. Staff agreed with Pike's calculations, but believed that the current UEX rate of \$0.0000 per Mcf is more appropriate and should be maintained.
- 15. On June 18, 2012, Pike filed an amendment to its application agreeing with Staff's comments and revising its request to reflect a rate of \$0.0000 per Mcf, which was approved by the Commission's Entry on June 20, 2012 and became effective July 1, 2012.
- 16. In January 2013, the Company was purchased by Utility Pipeline Ltd.
- 17. On May 31, 2013, Pike filed Case No. 13-0314-GA-UEX requesting a new Uncollectible Rider rate of (\$0.00109) per Ccf. This rate was approved by the Commission in its Entry of July 2, 2013.
- 18. In the Company's financial audit, Case No 13-0314-GA-UEX, the Staff examined the Company's monthly UEX balances, write-offs, and recoveries for the period of January 2011 thru December 2012. The only recommendation made by the Staff was starting with July 2013, recoveries from collection agencies be separated from the expenses. The Company has complied with this recommendation.
- 19. On June 19, 2014, Pike filed Case No. 14-0314-GA-UEX requesting a new Uncollectible Rider rate of \$0.00000 per Ccf. This rate was approved by the Commission in its Entry of July 30, 2014

- 20. On July 20, 2015, Pike filed Case No. 15-0314-GA-UEX requesting a new Uncollectible Rider rate of \$0.03241 per Ccf. This rate was approved by the Commission in its Entry of October 28, 2015
- 21. On July 27, 2018, Pike filed Case No. 18-0314-GA-UEX requesting a new Uncollectible Rider rate of (\$0.02127) per Ccf. This rate was approved by the Commission in its Entry of September 7, 2018
- 22. On April 30, 2020, Pike filed Case No. 20-0314-GA-UEX requesting a new Uncollectible Rider rate of (\$0.05260) per Ccf. This rate was approved by the Commission in its Entry of July 15, 2020
- 23. On November 4, 2021, Pike filed Case No. 21-0314-GA-UEX requesting a new Uncollectible Rider rate of (\$0.00690) per Ccf. This rate was approved by the Commission in its Entry of January 26, 2022
- 24. On May 24, 2022, Pike filed Case No. 22-0314-GA-UEX requesting a new Uncollectible Rider rate of \$0.00593 per Ccf. This rate was approved by the Commission in its Entry of July 5, 2022
- 25. On May 26, 2023, Pike filed Case No. 23-0314-GA-UEX and requested a new rate of \$0.00643 per Ccf. This rate was not approved by the Commission in its Entry of June 9, 2023 until after an Order is issued for UEX audit.
- 26. The Commission in its Entry of August 11, 2023 directed the PUCO Staff to examine Pike's UEX balances, write-offs, and recoveries for 2021 and 2022, and that any required adjustments or corrections be considered in Pike's 2023 UEX rider application.
- 27. On November 16, 2023 the Report by the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Audit of the Uncollectible Expense Mechanisms for the Period of January 2021 through December 2022 was filed in Case No. 23-0314-GA-UEX. Staff found Pike's UEX rider rates were calculated correctly in the ABR throughout the audit period. Staff recommends that the Company update their

respective bad debt policies and procedures to address issues and concerns identified during Staff's review. Staff also recommends the Company takes steps to ensure future UEX rider rate updates are implemented in their billing systems in a timely manner and that each Company file an application to adjust its UEX

rider rate within 30 days of the Commission's Order in this proceeding.

28. Pike proposes an Uncollectible Rider rate of \$0.00765 per Ccf. The rate is

comprised of (1) the balance of deferred uncollectible accounts expense net of

recoveries as of October 31, 2023 amortized over a two-year period and (2) the

average annual bad debt write-offs and collection expenses for the twelve-month

period ending October 31, 2023. The calculation of the revised rate is shown on

Attachment 1 hereto.

29. Pike's Rider states "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."

30. The resulting rate of \$0.00765 per Ccf is an increase of plus or minus ten

percent, is just and reasonable, and should be approved. A copy of the

proposed tariff sheet is included in Attachment 2 to this Application.

WHEREFORE, Pike respectfully requests the Commission approve the new

Uncollectible Expense Rider rate proposed in this application and authorize the filing

in final form of Thirteenth Revised Sheet 31 contained in Attachment 2 of the

application.

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Pike Natural Gas Case No. 23-0314-GA-UEX

Line No.				
1	Actual annual sales for Twelve Months Ended October 31, 2023	8	348,700.2	Mcf
2 3	Actual Bad debt deferral as of: 10/31/2023 Recovery period	\$	9,909 2 4,954	Years
4 5	Recovery amount - Line 2 ÷ Line 3 Recovery rate - Line 4 ÷ Line 1	\$	0.0058	per Mcf
6	Actual bad debt write-off and collection expense for 12 months ending 10/31/23	\$	60,045	
7	Number of Months in Period		12	Months
8	Average Per Month (Line 6 ÷ Line 7)	\$	5,004	
9	Annual Amount (Line 8 x 12)	\$	60,045	
10	Recovery rate - Line 9 ÷ Line 1	\$	0.0707	per Mcf
11	Total Bad debt tracker - Line 10 + Line 5	\$	0.0765	per Mcf
12	Tracker Rate Approved Case No. 22-0314-GA-UEX	\$	0.0593	per Mcf
13	Change \$ - Line 11 - Line 12	\$	0.0172	
14	Percent Change % - Line 13 ÷ Line 12	2	29.09%	

PIKE NATURAL GAS COMPANY PUCO CASE NO.23-0314-GA-UEX UNCOLLECTIBLE ACCOUNTS EXPENSE RIDER

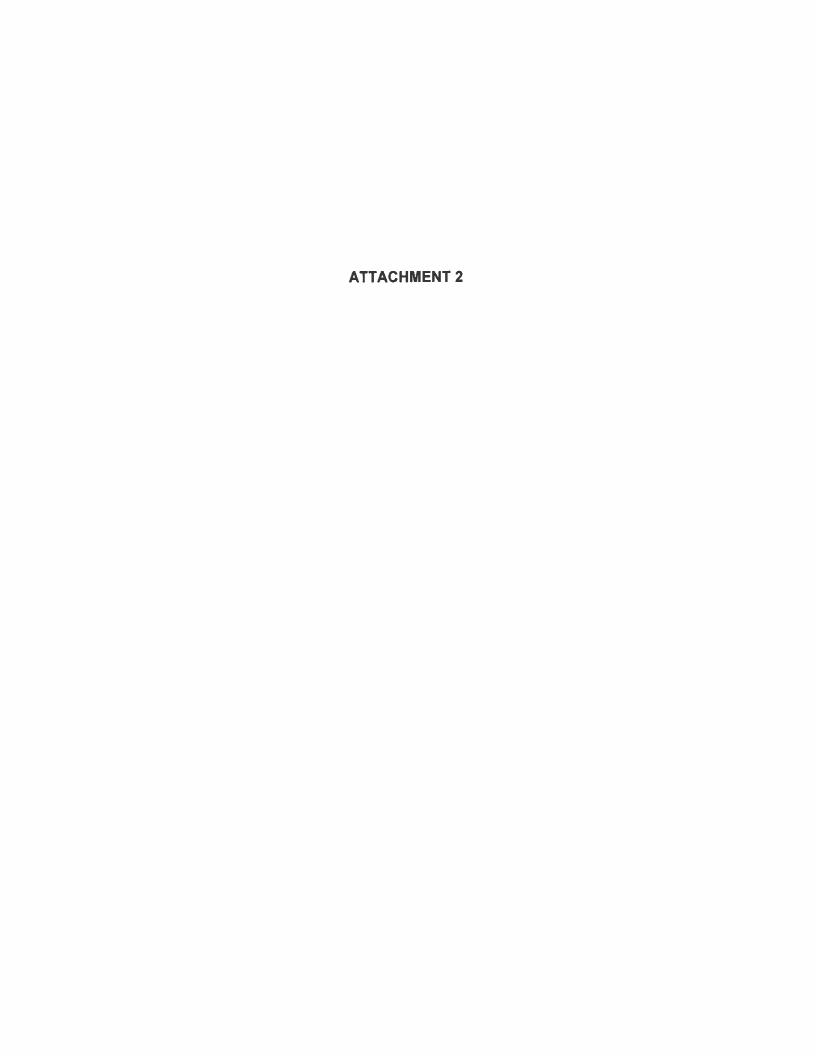
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Jan-23	13,134,57	64,421.4	63,444.2	127,865.6	0.0593 \$	7,582.54 \$	4,037.90 \$	3,079.47 \$	32.40 \$	420.82 \$		(853.59) \$	12,280.98 \$	
Dec-22	2,272.05	87,500.7	86,123.6	173,624.3	0.0593 \$	10,295.81 \$	7,406.40 \$	21,096.23 \$	83.02 \$	462.46 \$	(6.964.86)	10,862.52 \$	13 134.57 \$	
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	Beginning Balance General service	Hillsboro mcf (a)	Waverly mcf (a)	Total mcf	Bad debt Rider	Bad debt collected \$	Bad debt \$	Bad Debt Write-off / Bankruptcy \$	Collection Expense (c) \$	Collection Recovery (c) \$	PUCO Balance Adjustment (d)	(Over) Under recovery	Balance \$	

		May-23	7	Jun-23		Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23		Oct-23		Total
Beginning Balance	49	5,007.08	69	16,921.34	€9	24,509.47 \$	27,880.50 \$	25,1	25,180.93 \$	13,850.75		
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Waverly mcf (a)		15,084.7		8,355.0		6,437.4	6,681.1	2	7,134.4	18,784.6		406,409.9
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Pike Natural Gas Total

	GS MC	F Sold
Month	Month	12 Mo Total
Jan-22	184,774.6	978,184.2
Feb-22	169,085.5	935,102.0
Mar-22	119,358.2	916,441.2
Apr-22	79,135.7	926,010.1
May-22	26,018.4	906,128.7
Jun-22	14,582.1	902,844.4
Jul-22	11,470.4	899,894.1
Aug-22	14,133.2	901,225.9
Sep-22	14,477.9	899,537.6
Oct-22	54,066.8	914,507.9
Nov-22	97,826.5	917,163.2
Dec-22	173,624.3	958,553.6
Jan-23	127,865.6	901,644.6
Feb-23	126,459.8	859,018.9
Mar-23	131,908.5	871,569.2
Apr-23	52,443.0	844,876.5
May-23	32,907.0	851,765.1
Jun-23	16,949.5	854,132.5
Jul-23	13,184.6	855,846.7
Aug-23	13,501.3	855,214.8
Sep-23	15,471.3	856,208.2
Oct-23	46,558.8	848,700.2

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7. Uncollectible Expense Rider

Applicability. Applicable to all volumes served under the General Service Residential Rate (GSR) and General Service Commercial Rate (GSC). An additional charge shall be applied to all volumes for service rendered 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. The current Uncollectible Expense Rider rate is \$0.00765 per Ccf.

Reconciliation. The Uncollectible Expense Rider is updated annually. The Company's actual uncollectible expense for the applicable Rate Schedules, including carrying charges, shall be reconciled annually, with any over or under collection being reflected as a charge or credit in a subsequent update of the Rider Rate. The charge or credit may include Customer refunds if the Commission or Supreme Court of Ohio determines, as a result of an audit of the annual period in which the Rider Rate was in effect, that the Company's charge was unlawful or unreasonable or included imprudent amounts.

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