

Notice of Application by Ohio Gas Company for Authority to Increase Natural Gas Rates and for Approval of an Alternative Rate Plan.

PUCO Case Nos. 26-0471-GA-AIR, 26-0472-GA-ALT, 26-0473-GA-ATA, 26-0474-GA-AAM

Pursuant to R.C. 4909.19, Ohio Gas Company ("Ohio Gas" or "Company") gives notice that it filed an Application with the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") on May 29, 2026, requesting authority to increase natural gas rates. Ohio Gas's Application also seeks authority to modify its tariff, to modify its accounting methods to effectuate its Application, for approval of an alternative rate plan under R.C. Chapter 4929 to establish a Capital Expenditure Program Rider ("CEP Rider") and Property Tax Adjustment Rider ("PTA Rider"), and to continue its existing riders. The Application affects rates, charges, and terms and conditions for natural gas service for all Ohio Gas customers in each of the Ohio counties where the Company operates.

Anyone seeking more detailed information regarding Ohio Gas's Application may inspect a copy of the Application, including its supporting schedules and Ohio Gas's current and proposed rate sheets by any of the following methods: (1) visiting the offices of the Public Utilities Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793; (2) visiting the Commission's website at <https://dis.puc.state.oh.us/>, inputting 26-0471 into the Case Lookup box, and selecting the Application filed on May 29, 2026; or (3) visiting the Company website at <https://www.ohiogas.com>.

Ohio Gas has not filed an application to increase its base rates since 2017, and this is only the second Ohio Gas rate case since 1984. Ohio Gas's Application utilizes the twelve months ending December 31, 2026 as the test year with a date certain of December 31, 2026 for its proposed distribution revenues. The Application proposes changes to both the monthly customer charges and volumetric usage charges, proposes to establish different rates for residential and non-residential service, and proposes changes to, and the creation of additional, miscellaneous charges.

Ohio Gas's current base rates were determined pursuant to the Commission's order dated February 21, 2018. Ohio Gas's Application states that the current rates and charges do not provide a just and reasonable rate of return on Ohio Gas's used and useful property as of December 31, 2026 (the date certain in this case). The Application further states that Ohio Gas requires a distribution revenue increase to provide Ohio Gas an opportunity to earn a fair rate of return on its assets and recover its cost of operation. Any person, business entity or association may file, pursuant to R.C. 4909.19, an objection to such proposed increased rates by alleging that such proposal is unjust and discriminatory or unreasonable. Recommendations which differ from the Application may be made by the Staff of the Commission or by intervening parties and may be adopted by the Commission.

Ohio Gas has requested the following increases in distribution revenues for its rate classes:

Rate Classes	Requested Increase in Operating Revenue
General Service – Residential	33.7%
General Service – Non-Residential	24.0%
Transportation Service – Residential	33.7%
Transportation Service – Non-Residential	24.0%

The proposed total bill increase over current charges for an average residential customer using 7 MCF in a month is \$3.26, a 4.8% increase.

Ohio Gas is also seeking authority to implement an alternative rate plan establishing a CEP Rider, PTA Rider, and the Company would also continue its other existing riders. If approved as proposed, Ohio Gas would begin recovering costs through the CEP Rider in 2028 in addition to the impacts identified above. If the PTA Rider is approved as proposed, recovery of costs through the rider would also be expected to begin in 2028.

Ohio Gas is committed to providing our customers with safe and reliable service and outstanding customer service to the communities it serves. Ohio Gas appreciates the opportunity to provide natural gas service to its communities.