

**RIDER STR**  
**STATE TAX RIDER**

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all sales and transportation services provided by the Company on behalf of customers served under any of its prevailing rate schedules or lawful and valid contracts unless the customer qualifies as a "flex" customer.

**EFFECTIVE RATE**

This rider shall be applied to all units of 100 cubic feet (CCF) as follows:

First 1,000 CCF	\$0.01593 per CCF
Next 19,000 CCF	\$0.00877 per CCF
Additional CCF	\$0.00411 per CCF

**FLEX CUSTOMER**

A "flex" customer is an industrial or commercial facility that has consumed more than one billion cubic feet (ten million CCF) of gas per year at a single location during any of the previous five (5) years, or an industrial or commercial end user of natural gas that purchases natural gas distribution services from a natural gas distribution company at discounted rates or charges established in any of the following:

1. a special arrangement subject to review and regulation by the PUCO under Section 4905:31 of the Revised Code;
2. a special arrangement with a natural gas distribution company pursuant to a municipal ordinance;
3. a variable rate schedule that permits rates to vary between defined amounts, provided that the schedule is on file with the PUCO.

A customer who meets this definition on January 1, 2000, or thereafter is a "flex" customer for the purposes of determining the rate of taxation under Division (D) of Section 5727.811 of the Revised Code.

**SERVICE REGULATIONS**

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

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Issued by Sandra P. Meyer, President