

NOTICE OF APPLICATION BY VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF OHIO, LLC d/b/a CENTERPOINT ENERGY OHIO FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE RATES AND CHARGES FOR ITS GAS DISTRIBUTION SERVICE AND FOR APPROVAL OF AN ALTERNATIVE RATE PLAN

PUCO Case Nos. 24-0832-GA-AIR, 24-0833-GA-ALT, 24-0834-GA-AAM, 24-0835-GA-ATA

In accordance with Section 4909.19, Revised Code, Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, LLC d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Ohio hereby gives notice that on October 29, 2024, it filed an Application with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) requesting authority to increase the rates and charges for natural gas distribution services to its customers. CEOH has also applied, under Section 4929.05, Revised Code, for approval of an alternative rate plan including three elements.

This notice describes the substance of the Application. Any interested party, however, desiring complete, detailed information with respect to any affected rates, charges, regulations, and practices may inspect a copy of the Application and supporting schedules at the offices of the Commission at 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, or at the business office of CEOH at 211 NW Riverside Drive, Evansville, Indiana 47708, during normal business hours. The Application and supporting documents may also be viewed by visiting the Commission’s website at <http://www.puco.ohio.gov>, selecting DIS, inputting 24-0832 in the case lookup box, and selecting the date the Application was filed, or by visiting CEOH’s website at <https://www.centerpointenergy.com/ohioratereview/>.

A notice of intent to file this Application to increase rates and a copy of

the proposed rates were filed with the Commission and also mailed to the mayors and legislative authorities of the communities located within the areas served by CEOH on August 27, 2024.

The Application, which contains proposed revisions to CEOH’s Tariff for Gas Service, affects the rates and charges for, and various terms and conditions applicable to, natural gas service to all customers of CEOH served within all or portions of Auglaize, Champaign, Clark, Clinton, Darke, Fayette, Greene, Highland, Logan, Madison, Miami, Montgomery, Pickaway, Preble, Shelby and Warren Counties in Ohio. The Application states that the current rates and charges do not provide a just and reasonable rate of return on CEOH’s used and useful property as of December 31, 2024, the date certain in this case. The Application states that CEOH requires the proposed revenue increase to provide an opportunity to earn a fair return on its assets and to recover its costs of operation.

Any person, firm, corporation, or association may file, pursuant to Section 4909.19 of the Revised Code, an objection to such proposed increased rates by alleging that such proposals are unjust and discriminatory or unreasonable. Recommendations that differ from the Application may be made by the Staff of the Commission or by interven-

ing parties and may be adopted by the Commission.

CEOH is proposing a new rate schedule, Rate 375, for customers whose annual consumption is greater than 6,000,000 Billing Ccf. CEOH is also proposing various revisions to non-rate terms and conditions contained in its Tariff for Gas Service, including modifications to the terms and conditions applicable to transportation service and its Choice program.

The increase in the revenue requested by CEOH for its various rate schedules is as follows:

Rate Class (Rate Schedule)	Proposed Revenue Increase
Residential (310, 311, 315)	37.4%*
General Service (320, 321, 325)	13.9%
Large General Transportation Service (345)	19.7%
Large Volume Transportation Service (360)	19.7%

* *The proposed increase for the average overall monthly bill of a CEOH residential customer would be approximately 29.6% (inclusive of gas costs and riders).*

CEOH is also seeking approval of an Alternative Rate Plan that includes the following three elements.

Distribution Replacement Rider.

CEOH proposes the continuation of the DRR for the annual recovery of costs related to DRR assets placed in service through 2026, along with the annual recovery of associated costs, and the use of the Capital Expenditure Program (CEP) Rider for the annual recovery of costs related to the replacement of ineffectively coated steel infrastructure, beginning with 2027 investment.

Capital Expenditure Program (CEP) Rider.

CEOH proposes modifications to and extension of the Company’s existing CEP Rider, including but not limited to, modifications related to the recovery of post-in-service carrying costs, incremental depreciation expense, and property tax expense currently deferred pursuant to the CEP, as well as recovery of the corresponding CEP assets, through the 2030 investment year.

Tax Savings Credit Rider (to be renamed Tax Adjustment Rider (TAR)).

CEOH proposes modifications to and extension of its existing Tax Savings Credit Rider to include credits and charges associated with the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022.