

**Department of  
Development**

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Director, Ohio Department of Development

Wednesday, November 25, 2008

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

- WHAT:** Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) Public Hearing
- WHEN:** Monday, January 5, 2009  
2 p.m.
- WHERE:** Department of Transportation Auditorium  
1980 W. Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43223
- DETAILS:** The Ohio Department of Development is considering adopting new Rules for the administration of the low-income customer assistance program for the electric PIPP program.

The new rules for the electric Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) program will set the criteria for customer eligibility and policies regarding payment, crediting arrangements and responsibilities, procedures for verifying customer eligibility, and procedures for disbursing public funds to suppliers and otherwise administering funds under the director's jurisdiction.

The purpose of the proposed rules is to a) address the escalating costs of the electric PIPP program b) create a more affordable year-round electric payment for program participants c) create similarity between the gas PIPP and electric PIPP programs thus simplifying program administration and service delivery as well as minimizing customer confusion d) create a uniform arrearage crediting program applicable to accruing and past arrearages e) make PIPP customers active participants in the payment program and f) improve PIPP data reporting so performance of the program and the impact of the rule changes can be evaluated.

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