

PUCO RESPONSE MEMORANDUM

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Re: PUCO Response – Alternative Rate Plan and Exemption Rules (Ohio
Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-19)

In Case No. 17-1945-GA-ORD, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) is reviewing its rules in Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-19. These rules concern alternative rate plan and exemption applications filed by natural gas companies regulated by the PUCO. Prior to issuing the proposed rules, the PUCO held a workshop on October 10, 2017, to enable interested stakeholders to offer proposals for the PUCO's consideration. Representatives of numerous interested stakeholders attended the workshop. Several natural gas companies jointly submitted written proposed revisions and selected two representatives who provided comments on those proposals.

Following a formal comment period, during which comments were filed by multiple stakeholders, the PUCO issued a Finding and Order on December 12, 2018, adopting the proposed rules as set forth in the order. The PUCO completed the rehearing process on February 27, 2019. On March 18, 2019, the Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Office replied to the PUCO, stating that CSI had no recommendations, and concluding that the PUCO should proceed with formal filing of the rules package with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR). In light of CSI's conclusion, the PUCO will proceed and file these rules with JCARR.

cc: Sarah Parrot, Chief, Gas Section, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio