# Firm Storage Service (FSS)

## 1. Applicability

Firm Storage Service under this rate schedule is available, subject to the availability of storage capacity, in conjunction with transportation service under Rate Schedules GTS and DTS, and in conjunction with East Ohio's Energy Choice, Full Requirements, General and Daily Pooling Services subject to the eligibility requirements for the specific storage services as set forth in Section 5, below. A Customer or pool operator must enter into a written contract with East Ohio for service under this rate schedule for a minimum of 12 months.

## 2. Character of Service

Gas received by East Ohio for the account of the Customer shall be injected into East Ohio's storage facilities and thereafter shall be available for withdrawal by the Customer in accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 5. East Ohio may decline requests to provide service under this rate schedule whenever, in its judgment, rendering such service would be detrimental to the operation of East Ohio's system or its ability to meet its Core Demand. East Ohio's obligation to inject or withdraw gas on the Customer's behalf on any Day is limited to the Maximum Storage Capacity and Maximum Daily Storage Capacity, if applicable, specified in the contract.

## 3. Nominations

All receipts and deliveries must be nominated in accordance with the procedures applicable to the transportation or pooling service being provided in conjunction with the Firm Storage Service rendered under this rate schedule.

## 4. Curtailment

East Ohio shall have the right to restrict, limit, or halt its receipt or delivery of Firm Storage Service whenever, in East Ohio's sole discretion, it is necessary to do so due to Force Majeure or under circumstances requiring East Ohio to act to protect its ability to meet its Core Demand.

## 5. Types of Firm Storage Services

The Customer may choose from the following storage services:

### 5.1 Seasonal Service

The Customer may inject gas into East Ohio's storage facilities during the Summer Period and withdraw gas during the Winter Period within the following parameters:

**Summer Period Operation.** The customer shall nominate injection volumes so as to attain the following storage inventory levels, expressed as a percentage of the Maximum Storage Capacity:

| Cumulative Injections as A Percentage of Capacity | Date by Which that Percentage Must Be Attained ("Target Injection Date") |
|---|---|
| 4% to 13% | May 1 |
| 20% to 30% | June 1 |
| 34% to 44% | July 1 |
| 51% to 57% | August 1 |
| 65% to 71% | September 1 |
| 79% to 85% | October 1 |
| 95% to 100% | November 1 |

Injections nominated above the preceding maximum levels at any Target Injection Date shall be treated as Positive Imbalance Volumes and reconciled pursuant to the applicable general terms and conditions of transportation or pooling service. Injections nominated below the preceding minimum levels at any Target Injection Date shall (1) be treated as Negative Imbalance Volumes and reconciled pursuant to the applicable general terms and conditions of transportation or pooling service, (2) result in an equivalent reduction of the Maximum Storage Capacity, or (3) some combination thereof. The Customer shall make the election among the preceding options so as to eliminate the entire imbalance. If East Ohio encounters operating conditions that dictate daily storage management, daily injections as estimated by East Ohio may be limited to 1/214$^{th}$ of the Maximum Storage Capacity. East Ohio may, at its discretion and on a non-discriminatory basis consistent with operational capabilities, waive the preceding requirements at the Customer's request.

**Winter Period Operation.** The Customer shall nominate withdrawal volumes so as to attain the following storage inventory levels, expressed as a percentage of the Maximum Storage Capacity:

| Date | Required Storage Inventory Level |
|---|---|
| December 1 | 92% to 95% |
| January 1 | 55% to 65% |
| February 1 | 30% to 35% |
| March 1 | 12% to 17% |

Withdrawals nominated above the preceding maximum levels at any date above shall be treated as Negative Imbalance Volumes and reconciled pursuant to the applicable general terms and conditions of transportation or pooling service. Withdrawals nominated below the preceding minimum levels at any date above shall be treated as Positive Imbalance Volumes and reconciled pursuant to the applicable general terms and conditions of transportation or pooling service. If East Ohio encounters operating

conditions that dictate daily storage management, daily withdrawals as estimated by East Ohio may be limited to 1/151st of the Maximum Storage Capacity. East Ohio may, at its discretion and on a non-discriminatory basis consistent with operational capabilities, waive the preceding requirements at the Customer's request.

The Customer shall nominate volumes for withdrawal so as to completely withdraw its Cumulative Storage Injection Volume by March 31. Any volumes remaining in inventory as of that date may be purchased by East Ohio at its discretion and on a non-discriminatory basis as Positive Imbalance Volumes pursuant to the applicable general terms and conditions of transportation or pooling service and will be subject to all reservation, injection and withdrawal fees in addition to those already payable for the service.

In order to support system operations and maintain system integrity, East Ohio may require Winter Period storage re-injections or withdrawals under an On-System Storage OFO ("Storage OFO") in which it will indicate the required Storage Volume to be injected or withdrawn for the period during which the Storage OFO is in effect.

The rates charged to each Customer electing to purchase this service shall not exceed (1) a reservation fee of $0.8914 per Mcf times the Maximum Storage Capacity, payable before November 1 each year, (2) a usage fee of $0.1123 per Mcf injected and $0.1109 per Mcf withdrawn, and (3) the applicable charge under the CEP Rider rate schedule multiplied by the sum of the reservation fee and usage fee incurred. Customers receiving this service shall also be responsible for charges pursuant to East Ohio's Gross Receipts Tax Rider. In no event shall the charges under this Section 5.1 be less than the Variable Cost of Service.

5.2 In/Out Service

Customers purchasing this service may inject gas into East Ohio's storage facilities on any Day and withdraw gas on any subsequent Day, potentially with seasonal limitations on injections and withdrawals if operating conditions so require. East Ohio shall manage the Customer's injection and withdrawal volumes, subject to the daily and annual limitations specified in the contract, in a manner that will minimize any otherwise applicable imbalance charges.

In order to support system operations and maintain system integrity, East Ohio may require Winter Period storage re-injections or withdrawals under an On-System Storage OFO ("Storage OFO") in which it will indicate the required Storage Volume to be injected or withdrawn for the period during which the Storage OFO is in effect.

The rates charged to each Customer electing to purchase this service shall not exceed (1) a reservation fee, payable monthly, of the sum of (a) $2.5308 per Mcf times the Maximum Daily Storage Capacity specified in the contract and (b) $0.0555 per Mcf times the Maximum Storage Capacity specified in the contract, (2) a usage fee of $0.0298 per Mcf injected or withdrawn, and (3) the applicable charge under the CEP Rider rate schedule multiplied by the sum of the reservation fee and usage fee

incurred specified in the contract.

Customers receiving this service shall also be responsible for charges pursuant to East Ohio's Gross Receipts Tax Rider. In no event shall the charges under this Section 5.2 be less than the Variable Cost of Service.

**6. Regulation**

All service provided under this rate schedule is subject to the provisions of the general terms and conditions of transportation or pooling service, as applicable, and to the Rules and Regulations contained in East Ohio's tariff.

**7. Tax Savings Credit Rider**

All customers receiving service under this rate schedule shall be issued a credit determined by applying a percentage specified in the Tax Savings Credit Rider tariff to the charges billed in accordance with the provisions of this rate schedule.