



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 4928.52 Universal service rider.

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(A) Beginning January 1, 2026, the percentage of income payment plan rider shall replace, for each electric distribution utility, the universal service rider in existence on the effective date of the amendment of this section by this act. The percentage of income payment plan rider shall be a rider on retail electric distribution service rates as such rates are determined by the public utilities commission pursuant to this chapter. The percentage of income payment plan rider shall recover the following:

- (1) The prudently incurred costs of providing the percentage of income payment plan program for each electric distribution utility;
- (2) The total of the electric distribution utilities' allocated shares, as determined by the public utilities commission, under division (B)(1) of this section;
- (3) Any additional amount necessary and sufficient to fund through the percentage of income payment plan rider the administrative costs of the low-income customer assistance programs.

(B)(1) The commission shall allocate to each electric distribution utility a share of the funding for low-income customer assistance programs administered by the director of job and family services according to each electric distribution utility's annual distribution service revenues.

(2) Each electric distribution utility's allocation determined under division (B)(1) of this section shall include a separately designated allocation equal to the electric distribution utility's share of an amount not to exceed fifteen million dollars annually for funding the consumer education program administered by the department of job and family services under section 4928.56 of the Revised Code.

(C) On the thirtieth day of June of each year, each electric distribution utility shall remit to the department for deposit in the electric partnership plan fund the utility's share of the following:



(1) The utility's allocation determined under division (B)(2) of this section for funding the consumer education program administered by the department of job and family services under section 4928.56 of the Revised Code;

(2) The costs under division (A)(3) of this section for the administration of the low-income customer assistance programs administered by the director.

(D) The percentage of income payment plan rider established under this section shall be set in such a manner so as not to shift among the customer classes of electric distribution utilities the costs of funding low-income customer assistance programs.