BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

Anthony Angelo)
4170 Forest Avenue)
Cincinnati, Ohio 45212)
Complainant)))
V.) Ca
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Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.)
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Respondent)

Case No. 19-1193-GE-CSS

ANSWER OF DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.

For its Answer to the Complaint of Anthony Angelo (Complainant), Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., (Duke Energy Ohio or Respondent) states as follows:

1. The Complaint is not in a form allowing for specific admission or denial as to individual allegations. Accordingly, Duke Energy Ohio generally denies the allegations set out in the Complaint.

2. Statements regarding general procedures for the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) are not allegations to which a response is required.

3. Duke Energy Ohio denies the allegations contained in each of the paragraphs of the Complaint.

4. Duke Energy Ohio denies each and every allegation of fact and conclusion of law not expressly admitted herein.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

1. The Complainant does not assert any allegations of fact that would give rise to a cognizable claim against Duke Energy Ohio.

2. Duke Energy Ohio asserts as an affirmative defense that pursuant to R.C. 4905.26 and O.A.C. 4901-9-01-(B)(3), Complainant has failed to set forth reasonable grounds for complaint.

3. Duke Energy Ohio asserts as an affirmative defense that Complainant has not stated any request for relief that can be granted by this Commission.

4. Duke Energy Ohio asserts that to the extent Complainant is seeking monetary damages, such relief is beyond the scope of the Commission's jurisdiction.

5. Duke Energy Ohio asserts that to the extent the Complainant is seeking equitable relief, such relief is beyond the scope of the Commission's jurisdiction.

6. Duke Energy Ohio reserves the right to raise additional affirmative defenses or to withdraw any of the foregoing affirmative defenses as may become necessary during the investigation and discovery of this matter.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, having fully answered, Duke Energy Ohio respectfully requests that the Commission dismiss the Complaint of Anthony Angelo, for failure to set forth reasonable grounds for the Complaint and to deny Complainant's request for relief, if any.

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Answer of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., was served via regular US Mail postage prepaid, or by electronic mail service, this 10th day of June

2019, upon the following:

Anthony Angelo 4170 Forest Avenue Cincinnati, Ohio 45212

> <u>/s/ Elizabeth H. Watts</u> Elizabeth H. Watts