

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy)	
Ohio, Inc. to Adjust Rider AU for 2016 Grid)	Case No. 17-690-GA-RDR
Modernization Costs.)	

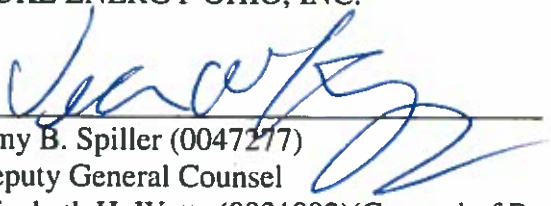
**MOTION OF DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.,
FOR AN EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR REPLY COMMENTS
AND
REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

Comes now Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., (Duke Energy Ohio or Company) and, pursuant to O.A.C. 4901-1-12 and 4901-1-13, hereby respectfully requests an order for a seven-day extension of time to reply to the comments of The Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC). Specifically, the Company asks that reply comments be due on August 11, 2017.

Duke Energy Ohio sets forth, in the attached Memorandum in Support, the reasons why the deadline for the filing of reply comments should be so extended, on an expedited basis.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

On March 24, 2017, Duke Energy Ohio filed its Application to adjust Rider-AU for 2016 Grid Modernization Costs. Thereafter, on April 4, 2017, the Attorney Examiner filed an Entry setting forth the procedural schedule in the instant case. On June 20, 2017 and June 23, 2017 OCC and the Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy (OPAЕ) each filed a Motion to Intervene. Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio filed its Review and Recommendation on July 5, 2017, and recommended that the Application be approved and that the rates become effective on a bills-rendered basis.¹ OCC filed its comments on July 21, 2017, opposing Staff's recommendation.

Pursuant to the schedule established for this case, all reply comments are due by August 4, 2017. Duke Energy Ohio respectfully requests an additional seven days to respond to the initial comments of OCC.

Duke Energy Ohio is seeking to extend the deadline for the filing of reply comments by a minimal seven days, in order to accommodate the pre-existing schedule of Company counsel. The current deadline would not allow Counsel of Record sufficient time to respond fully to OCC's initial comments. The addition of one week's time will facilitate the filing of a helpful response by the Company.

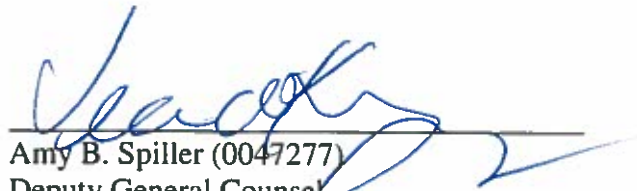
Duke Energy Ohio has spoken with counsel for both OCC and OPAЕ. Counsel for both OCC and OPAЕ indicated that they do not object to the issuance of an expedited ruling on this motion and that they will not oppose the Company's request for a seven-day extension.

¹ *In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. to Adjust Rider AU for 2016 Grid Modernization Costs*, Case No. 17-690-GA-RDR, Staff Review and Recommendations, at ¶ 3.

Therefore, Duke Energy Ohio respectfully requests that the Commission extend the deadline for the filing of reply comments in the above-captioned proceeding until August 11, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

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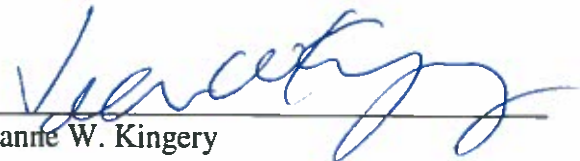
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Motion of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., was served on the following parties via ordinary mail delivery, postage prepaid, and/or electronic mail delivery on this 25th day of July, 2017.



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