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Ms. Barcy F. McNeal, Secretary
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Re: In the Matter of the Review of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.'s Rider Alternative Energy Recovery for the Period January 1, 2016, through December 31, 2016, Case No.15-1854-EL-RDR

Dear Ms. McNeal:

By Entry issued on July 13, 2017, the Attorney Examiner invited interested parties to submit comments regarding the content of the Rider AER-R audit report that was submitted on May 2, 2017. Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. has reviewed the audit report and has no comment at this time. The Company reserves the right to file reply comments as may be needed.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elizabeth H. Watts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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