#### **BEFORE**

#### THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

in the Matter of the Application of Duke	)	
Energy Ohio for Authority to Establish a	)	
Standard Service Offer Pursuant to Section	)	
4928.143, Revised Code, in the Form of	)	Case No. 14-841-EL-SSO
an Electric Security Plan, Accounting	)	
Modifications and Tariffs for Generation	)	
Service.	)	
In the Matter of the Application of Duke	)	
Energy Ohio for Authority to Amend its	)	Case No. 14-842-EL-ATA
Certified Supplier Tariff, P.U.C.O. No. 20.	j	

# DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE REPLY TO APPLICATIONS FOR REHEARING AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke Energy Ohio or Company), pursuant to O.A.C. 4901-1-12, hereby moves the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) for an order allowing it to file its reply to all applications for rehearing in this docket on May 14, 2015. In addition, the Company requests expedited treatment of this motion.

The basis for Duke Energy Ohio's motion is set forth in the following Memorandum in Support.

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#### MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

The Commission issued its Opinion and Order (Order) in these proceedings on April 2, 2015. Under Ohio law, any party who has entered an appearance in a Commission proceeding may apply for rehearing in respect to any matters determined in the proceeding, within thirty days after the issuance of the order. Applications for rehearing (AFRs) were, therefore, due on May 4, 2015. However, as that date fell on a Saturday, when Commission offices were closed, Ohio law automatically extends the due date until the next day that is not a Sunday or a legal holiday. Therefore, AFRs could be filed as late as May 6, 2015.

Whether due to confusion regarding the due date or other reasons, some parties in these proceedings filed their AFRs on May 3 and some filed on May 6. The Company filed its AFR on May 6. Replies to each AFR are due within ten days after each such AFR was filed. Thus, the Company now has two due dates for the filing of replies, one of which is prior to the due date for other parties to reply to the Company's AFR.

In order to avoid the Company's filing of two, similar replies, and to ensure an equitable process, the Company moves for permission to file all of its replies (in a single document) on the later of the two due dates: May 16, 2015.

Duke Energy Ohio also requests an expedited ruling on this motion, due to the timing matters involved. The Company would also note that the applicable rule allows the attorney examiner to issue the ruling without the filing of memoranda, as this motion is requesting an extension of time to file pleadings of less than five days.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.) 4901-1-35.

<sup>\*</sup>R.C. 1.14

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> O.A.C. 4901-1-12(C).

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