

RECEIVED-DOCKETING DIV

2108 SEP -3 PM 1:10

1 cast Tampus View Blvd. Suite 360 | Columbus . Onio 43235

P 1941221.3500 F 614.332 0130 W columbusiaw.org

PUCO

Mary W. Christensen, Esq. (614) 221-1832 mchristensen@columbuslaw.org

September 3, 2008

Docketing Division Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street, 13th floor Columbus OH 43215 Attn: Sandy

Re: Motion to Intervene and Memorandum in Support by People Working Cooperatively, Inc. Duke Energy-Ohio Case No. 08-920-EL-SSO *et al.*

Yesterday, I filed, by facsimile, under Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4901-1-02 (B) the attached Motion to Intervene by People Working Cooperatively, Inc. and Memorandum in Support in the above-named proceeding. I served the parties of record by e-mail.

Attached are the original and 24 copies of the motion. Please time-stamp and return 4 copies to the courier.

Please feel free to call me if there is anything more that you need from me. Thanks for your assistance.

usknam

Mary W Christensen, Esq. Christensen Christensen Donchatz Kettlewell & Owens, Inc. 100 East Campus View Blvd., Suite 360 Columbus OH 43215-4679

This is to cart	1 Ex. 41				
This is to cert accurate and co	ers char th	a inages	appearing	t aro an	
accurate and co document deliver	teos recs	ofaction	of a can	: ale au : Fila	•
Technician //	igu in che re	=gular co	urse of h:	Y ⊶a	
document delive	LDat	e Proces.	eed 9137	DP.	

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Duke)
Energy Ohio for Approval of an Electric) Case No. 08-920-EL-SSO
Security Plan.)
In the Matter of the Application of Duke)
Energy Ohio for Approval to Amend)
Accounting Methods.) Case No. 08-921-EL-AAM
In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio for Approval of a Certificate Of Public Convenience and Necessity to Establish an Unavoidable Capacity Charge.	Case No. 08-922-EL-UNC
In the Matter of the Application of Duke) Case No. 08-923-EL-ATA
Energy Ohio for Approval to Amend Its)
Tariff.)

MOTION TO INTERVENE BY PEOPLE WORKING COOPERATIVELY, INC.

People Working Cooperatively, Inc. ("PWC") respectfully requests that

the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission") grant its motion

requesting intervention in the above-named matters for the reasons set forth in

the attached Memorandum in Support.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of PEOPLE WORKING COOPERATIVELY, INC.

ustenson

Mary W. Christensen (0024452) Christensen Christensen Donchatz Kettlewell & Owens, LLP 100 East Campus View Blvd., Suite 360 Columbus OH 43235-4679 (614) 221-1832 (614) 396-0130 (Fax) mchristensen@columbuslaw.org

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

PWC is a small, non-profit organization that has served consumers in the Duke Energy-Ohio (*fka* The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company or "CG&E" and "Cinergy") ("DE-Ohio") service territory for over thirty years by providing weatherization and energy management services to low-income residential consumers of services provided by DE-Ohio. It owns and maintains the necessary tools to deliver its services and employs a full-time staff of skilled construction and administrative personnel, both of which greatly enhance PWC's ability to provide excellent and cost-efficient services to its clients. PWC provides weatherization services to DE-Ohio's electric and gas customers with funding from DE-Ohio for both. While a small organization, it is the largest provider of these services in DE-Ohio's service territory. DE-Ohio's funding serves as seed money for PWC, by attracting contributions from others, including government agencies, foundations, businesses and individuals, in the DE-Ohio service territory.

PWC's mission is to provide essential home repairs and services so that low-income homeowners, who are often also elderly and/or living with mobility issues, can remain in their homes, enjoying the opportunity to better control their heating and cooling costs and pay their energy bills, and living independently in a safe and sound environment. The preservation of this community infrastructure and occupancy of PWC's clients' homes provides the community at large with direct and acknowledged benefits. Essentially, the provision of proper weatherization services gives PWC's clients the capability of lowering their energy bills. All funding that PWC attracts is used for the provision of these services for its low-income residential electric and gas company clients.

2

PWC has been a regular intervenor in the electric cases and more recently the gas rate case, Case No. 07-589-TP-AIR ("DE-Ohio Gas Case"), of DE-Ohio since its participation in DE-Ohio's electric transition plan proceeding, PUCO Case No. 99-1658-EL-ETP, signing a stipulation that was accepted by the Commission in that case that made provision for continued funding from CG&E for weatherization programs. In the DE-Ohio Gas Case, PWC's settlement discussions with DE-Ohio resulted in the pilot tariff that DE-Ohio is in the process of implementing that would, if the Commission adopted the straight fixed variable cost rate design, bring relief to a number of low-income, low-gasusage residential consumers who would experience a disproportionate increase in their rates compared to other residential consumers.¹

PWC meets the standards set forth in both the statute and the Commission's rules for intervention in this matter. It is, as described in Ohio Revised Code ("R.C.") Section 4903.221, a "person who may be adversely affected" by this proceeding insofar as any outcome in this proceeding may directly and indirectly affect funds available for and consumers' ability to enjoy the services PWC provides to low-income residential electric service consumers. While the Commission-approved stipulations in Case Nos. 03-0093-EL-ATA (including on remand) and 05-0059-EL-AIR provided for DE-Ohio's continued funding of weatherization and energy efficiency services for electric service customers through 2008, a portion of which is used for funding to PWC projects under contracts with DE-Ohio, PWC intervenes in this proceeding to assure DE-Ohio-administered funding, as anticipated by the stipulations and Commission

¹ In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy-Ohio, Inc. for an Increase in Rates, Case No. 07-589-GA-AIR et al., Opinion and Order, May 28, 2008, approving stipulation filed in the case on February 28, 2008.

orders in the preceding cases, and for the continuation and implementation of robust and efficacious energy management, weatherization and DSM programs as anticipated under Senate Bill 221 for residential consumers in DE-Ohio's service territory, which include PWC's clients. And to protect its "interest," R.C. Section 4903.221 (B)(1), in the continued funding of such weatherization and energy efficiency services to its clients, it should be allowed to participate as the Commission considers DE-Ohio's application in the instant case. There is no other party in this proceeding whose interest in the continuation of funding of the weatherization and energy management services is as substantial as it is for PWC, and its participation has not in the past and will not in this case unduly delay the proceedings, R.C. Section 4903.221 (B)(3).

Insofar as PWC's intervention meets the criteria of Section 4903.221, it satisfies the standards set forth in the PUCO's rule for intervention contained in Ohio Administrative Code Section 4901-1-11, including that its motion is timely and is made by a person with a real and substantial interest in the outcome of this proceeding. For the foregoing reasons, PWC requests that the Commission grant its request to intervene.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of PEOPLE WORKING COOPERATIVELY, INC.

Mary W. Christensen (0024452) Christensen Christensen Donchatz Kettlewell & Owens, LLP 100 East Campus View Blvd., Suite 360 Columbus OH 43235-4679 (614) 221-1832 (614) 396-0130 (Fax) mchristensen@columbuslaw.org

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion to Intervene and Memorandum in

Support has been sent by first-class, postage prepaid U.S. Mail or by electronic e-mail to

the parties of record listed below on this 2^{nd} day of September, 2008. MULL NUMBER 2008.

Christensen

Paul Colbert, Esq. Duke Energy-Ohio 139 East Fourth Street Cincinnati OH 45201 paul.colbert@duke-energy.com anita.shafer@duke-energy.com

Barth E. Royer, Esq. Bell & Royer Co., LPA 33 South Grant Avenue Columbus OH 43215-3927 Barth.Royer@aol.com

Stephen M. Howard, Esq. Vorys Sater Seymour & Pease LLP 52 East Gay Street PO Box 1008 Columbus OH 43216-1008 SMHoward@vorys.com

M. Howard Petricoff, Esq. Vorys Sater Seymour & Pease LLP 52 East Gay Street PO Box 1008 Columbus OH 43216-1008 <u>MHPetricoff@vssp.com</u>

David C. Rinebolt, Esq. Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy 337 South Main St., 4th fl, Suite 5 PO Box 1793 Findlay OH 45839-1793 DRinebolt@aol.com Henry W. Eckhart, Esq. 50 West Broad Street Suite 2117 Columbus OH 43215-3301 henryeckhart@aol.com

Craig Goodman, Esq. National Energy Marketers Association 3333 K Street N.W. Suite 110 Washington, D.C. 20007 cgoodman@energymarketers.com

Noel M. Morgan, Esq. Communities United for Action c/o Legal Aid Society of greater Cincinnati 215 East Ninth Street, Suite 200 Cincinnati OH 45202 nmorgan@lascinti.org

Cynthia A. Fonner, Esq. David L. Fein, Esq. Constellation Energy Group, Inc. 550 West Washington St., Suite 300 Chicago IL 60661 cynthia.A.Fonner@constellation.com david.fein@constellatioin.com

Thomas J. O'Brien, Esq. Sally W. Bloomfield, Esq. Bricker & Eckler LLP 100 South Third Street Columbus OH 43215-4291 tobrien@bricker.com sbloomfield@bricker.com Joseph Clark, Esq. McNees Wallace & Nurick 21 East State Street, 17th Floor Columbus OH 43215 jclark@mwnemh.com

. . .

John W. Bentine, Esq. Mark S. Yurick, Esq. Mathew S. White, Esq. Chester Wilcox & Saxbe LLP 65 East State Street, Suite 1000 Columbus OH43215-4213 jbentine@cwslaw.com myurick@cwslaw.com mwhite@cwslaw.com

Thomas McNamee, Esq. William Wright, Esq. Office of the Attorney General Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street, 6th Floor Columbus OH 43215 Thomas.McNamee@puc.state.oh.us Bill.Wright@puc.state.oh.us David F. Boehm, Esq. Michael L. Kurtz, Esq. Boehm, Kurtz & Lowry 36 East 7th street, Suite 1510 Cincinnati OH 45202 dboehm@BKLlawfirm.com mkurtz@BKLlawfirm.com

Ann M. Hotz, Esq. Jeffrey M. Small, Esq. Jacqueline Lake Roberts, Esq. Michael E. Idzkowski, Esq. Office of Consumers' Counsel 10 West Broad Street, Suite 1800 Columbus OH 43215-3485 hotz@occ.state.oh.us small@occ.state.oh.us Roberts@occ.state.oh.us idzkowski@occ.state.oh.us