## BEFORE

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Complaint of SZL Limited,	)
Complainant,	<u> </u>
<b>v.</b> ·	) Case No. 08-1225-EL-CSS
Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.,	)
Respondent.	)
	ENTRY

## The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On November 13, 2008, SZL Limited filed a complaint alleging that Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke) improperly charged for electric service based on readings obtained from a faulty meter.
- (2) On December 3, 2008, Duke filed an answer denying the material allegations in the complaint.
- (3) This matter should be scheduled for a settlement conference on January 20, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th floor, Hearing Room 11B, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. The purpose of the settlement conference will be to explore the parties' willingness to negotiate a resolution of this complaint in lieu of an evidentiary hearing. The parties should bring all relevant documents with them to the conference. In accordance with Rule 4901-1-26, Ohio Administrative Code, any statements made in an attempt to settle this matter without the need for an evidentiary hearing will not generally be admissible in future proceedings in this case or be admissible to prove liability or invalidity of a claim.
- (4) As is the case in all Commission complaint proceedings, the complainant has the burden of proving the allegations of the complaint, pursuant to *Grossman v. Pub. Util. Comm.*, 5 Ohio St.2d 189 (1966).

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It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That a settlement conference be held in accordance with Finding (3). It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

Bv:

**Scott Farkas** 

Attorney Examiner

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Reneé J. Jenkins

Secretary