

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Duke) Energy Ohio for Approval of a Market) Rate Offer to Conduct a Competitive) Bidding Process for Standard Service) Offer Electric Generation Supply,) Accounting Modifications, and Tariffs for) Generation Service.)

Case No. 10-2586-EL-SSO

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 matter for the reasons set forth in

the attached Memorandum in Support.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of PEOPLE WORKING COOPERATIVELY, INC.

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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 and contributing to the demand for greater energy efficiency.

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All funding that PWC attracts is used for the provision of these services for its low-income residential electric and gas company clients.

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.

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 that assist these customers in dealing with increasing energy charges, and the approval of the application could permit Duke Energy to increase rates charged to PWC's clients. PWC intervenes in this proceeding to assure continued DE-Ohio-administered funding, as anticipated by the stipulations and Commission 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

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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 Rule 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.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that this Motion to Intervene and Notice of Change in Counsel's Firm Name and Address have been served upon the parties of record and those who have intervened to date who are listed on the attached service list by first class, postage prepaid U.S. Mail this 7th day of December 2010.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN COUNSEL'S FIRM NAME AND ADDRESS OF COUNSEL

This notice is being submitted to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and to parties in the above named case to apprise them of the change of the firm name and office address, effective immediately, of Mary W. Christensen, who is counsel to and is filing a motion to intervene in this case on behalf of People Working Cooperatively, Inc. The new firm name and address appear below the signature line. Phone number and e-mail address have not changed.

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