BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the Staff Proposal For An Economic Development Tariff Template.

Case No. 11-4304-EL-UNC

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REPLY COMMENTS OF DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.

I. INTRODUCTION

Now comes Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., (Duke Energy Ohio) and submits reply comments in response to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) Entry, issued on July 15, 2011, inviting comments regarding a proposed economic development tariff template. Duke Energy Ohio has reviewed the comments submitted by others and offers the below additional comments in response.

II. COMMENTS

1. Duke Energy Ohio agrees with the comment offered by Ohio Edison Company, the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company and The Toledo Edison Company (FirstEnergy Companies) wherein it was noted that the economic development tariff proposal has the potential, as presently constructed, to inadvertently create an incentive for customers to move from the service territory of one utility to another in order to obtain incentives tied to "new" employees and "new" investment. Duke Energy Ohio agrees that the tariff should not be used to

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subsidize the move of a customer from one location within Ohio to another location within Ohio.

Also consistent with the comments of the FirstEnergy Companies, Duke Energy Ohio agrees that the tariff should be initially focused on customers that can provide the most economic benefit. Getting the greatest value for Duke Energy Ohio ratepayers' investment is of paramount importance.

- 2. Duke Energy Ohio agrees with the comments of several of the parties that calculation of delta revenue should not be influenced by whether or not the utility owns generation. If the economic development discount is a total rate discount that impacts the suppliers of transmission, distribution and generation services, the suppliers of those services should receive the delta revenue in proportion to what their rate would have been absent the economic development tariff.
- 3. Duke Energy Ohio agrees with the AEP Ohio that references to customer class "mercantile" are too broad. This term must be defined for purposes of the tariff and should be constructed to attract industrial investment in Ohio. It is logical to expect that retail and service industry customers would naturally follow population growth.

III. CONCLUSION

Duke Energy Ohio appreciates this opportunity to provide comments and looks forward to working with the Commission Staff and other stakeholders to develop an economic development tariff that will produce jobs and prosperity for the state. Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Reply Comments of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. was served upon the parties of record this 15th day of August 2011 via electronic transmission, hand-delivery, or ordinary U.S. mail, postage prepaid.

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