

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for an Increase in its Natural Gas Distribution Rates.)	Case No. 12-1685-GA-AIR
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In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Tariff Approval.)	Case No. 12-1686-GA-ATA
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In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Approval of an Alternative Rate Plan for Gas Distribution Service.)	Case No. 12-1687-GA-ALT
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In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Approval to Change Accounting Methods.)	Case No. 12-1688-GA-AAM
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ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Applicant or Duke), is a natural gas company as defined by Section 4905.03, Revised Code, and a public utility as defined by Section 4905.02, Revised Code, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission, pursuant to Sections 4905.04, 4905.05 and 4905.06, Revised Code.
- (2) Sections 4909.18, 4909.19, and 4909.43, Revised Code, enumerate the statutory requirements for an application to increase a public utility's electric base rates. The Commission adopted Rule 4901-7-01, Ohio Administrative Code, and its Appendix (Standard Filing Requirements), pursuant to Sections 4901.13, 4909.04(C), and 4909.18, Revised Code. These Standard Filing Requirements specify the format for filing all information required in an application for an increase in rates and define the information which the Commission, in its discretion, requires, pursuant to Section 4909.18(E), Revised Code.

- (3) The Applicant's notice of intent to file an application for an increase in rates was received on June 7, 2012, pursuant to Section 4909.43(B), Revised Code. On July 2, 2012, the Commission issued an entry finding the intent to file to be in compliance with Chapter I of the Commission's Standard Filing Requirements, Sections A and B, approving the test year and date certain, and waiving the filing of certain of the Standard Filing Requirements.
- (4) The application seeking Commission authority to increase rates was received by this Commission on July 9, 2012, and is subject to the aforementioned statutory provisions.
- (5) The Commission finds that Duke's application meets the requirements of Section 4909.18, Revised Code, and this Commission's Standard Filing Requirements. As such, the Commission concludes that the application should be accepted for filing as of July 9, 2012.
- (6) Furthermore, the Commission finds that the Applicant's proposed notice for publication, Schedule S-3, should be approved, with the following modification to be inserted instead of the last two paragraphs of the proposed notice:

Recommendations that differ from this application may be made by the Public Utilities Commission staff or by intervening parties and may be adopted by the Commission. Any person, firm, corporation, or association may file, pursuant to Section 4909.19 of the Ohio Revised Code, an objection to the proposed electric distribution rate increases by alleging that such proposals are unjust and discriminatory or unreasonable.

A copy of the application is available for inspection at the main office of the Company at 139 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, or 644 Linn Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, or at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Docketing Division, 11th floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. The application and supporting documents may also be viewed at the Commission's web page at <http://www.puco.ohio.gov>, by selecting

DIS, inputting 12-1685 in the case lookup box, and selecting the date the application was filed.

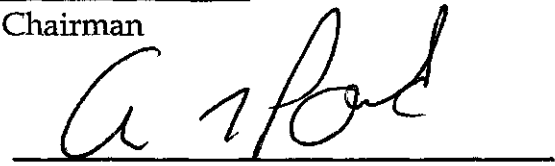

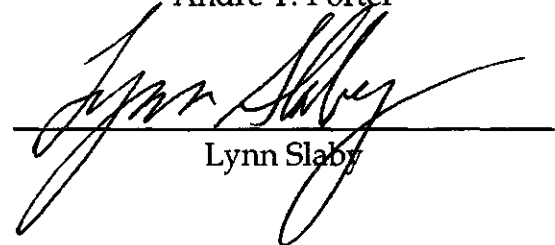
It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the application of Duke be accepted for filing as of July 9, 2012.
It is, further,

ORDERED, That the proposed newspaper notice submitted by Duke be approved for publication, as set forth in Finding (6). It is, further,

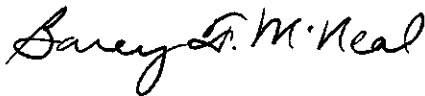
ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO


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