

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Duke )  
Energy Ohio, Inc. to Adjust Rider DR-IM ) Case No. 12-1811-GE-RDR  
and Rider AU for 2011 SmartGrid Costs. )

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) By opinion and order issued on December 17, 2008, in *In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Approval of an Electric Security Plan*, Case No. 08-920-EL-SSO, et al. (*ESP Case*), the Commission approved a stipulation that, *inter alia*, provides a process for recovering costs associated with the deployment of an electric SmartGrid system through Rider Distribution Reliability - Infrastructure Modernization (Rider DR-IM). In addition, the stipulation provides that, in the second quarter of each year, Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke) shall file for approval of Rider DR-IM adjustments, subject to due process, including an opportunity for a hearing. Additionally, by opinion and order issued on May 28, 2008, in *In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for an Increase in Rates*, Case No. 07-589-GA-AIR, et al. (*Gas Distribution Rate Case*), the Commission approved a stipulation that, *inter alia*, provided a process for filing deployment plans for the installation of an automated gas meter reading system, which would share the SmartGrid communications technology, and a method for recovering costs associated with the plans, which was designated the Rider Advanced Utility (Rider AU).
- (2) On June 20, 2012, Duke filed an application, along with supporting testimony, to adjust Riders DR-IM and AU for SmartGrid deployment, pursuant to the processes approved in the *Gas Distribution Rate Case* and the *ESP Case*.
- (3) By entry issued on October 12, 2012, the attorney examiner established December 13, 2012, as the deadline for the filing

of Staff and intervenor testimony, and December 21, 2012, as the deadline for Duke to file supplemental testimony.

- (4) On December 11, 2012, Staff filed a motion for an extension of the procedural schedule. In its motion, Staff explains that the parties have been discussing a possible settlement of this case and it appears that settlement is likely, if the parties are granted additional time to continue negotiations. Staff requests that the deadline for the filing of Staff and intervenor testimony be extended to December 21, 2012, with Duke's supplemental testimony to be due on December 28, 2012. Staff further explains that it has consulted with the parties to this proceeding and they do not object to this request.
- (5) Upon consideration of Staff's request, the attorney examiner finds that it is reasonable and should be granted. Accordingly, December 21, 2012, shall be the deadline for the filing of Staff and intervenor testimony, and December 28, 2012, shall be the deadline for Duke to file supplemental testimony. The remainder of the procedural schedule will remain unchanged.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Staff's motion for an extension of the procedural schedule be granted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the procedural schedule set forth in finding (5) be adopted. It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

s/Katie Stenman

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry granting Staff's motion for an extension of the procedural schedule and ordering the procedural schedule set forth in finding (5) be adopted. - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Katie Stenman, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio