BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of Application of Duke) Energy Ohio, Inc. for Authority to Establish) a Standard Service Offer Pursuant to R.C.) 4928.143 in the Form of an Electric Security) Plan, Accounting Modifications, and Tariffs) for Generation Service.

Case No. 14-841-EL-SSO

In the Matter of Application of Duke) Case No. 14-842-EL-ATA Energy Ohio, Inc. for Authority to Amend) its Certified Supplier Tariff, P.U.C.O. No. 20.

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The Commission finds:

- (1)Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke) is an electric distribution utility (EDU) as defined by R.C. 4928.01(A)(6) and a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02 and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) R.C. 4928.141 provides that an EDU shall provide consumers within its certified territory a standard service offer (SSO) of all competitive retail electric services necessary to maintain essential electric services to customers, including firm supply of electric generation services. The SSO may be either a market rate offer in accordance with R.C. 4928.142 or an electric security plan (ESP) in accordance with R.C. 4928.143.
- In Case No. 14-841-EL-SSO, et al., the Commission modified (3)and approved Duke's application for an ESP for the period beginning June 1, 2015, through May 31, 2018, pursuant to R.C. 4928.143. In re Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., Case No. 14-841-EL-SSO, et al. (ESP 3 Order), Opinion and Order (Apr. 2, 2015). The Commission also directs Duke to file proposed final tariffs consistent with the ESP 3 Order, subject to review and approval by the Commission.
- (4)R.C. 4903.10 states that any party who has entered an appearance in a Commission proceeding may apply for a rehearing with respect to any matters determined therein by

filing an application within 30 days after the entry of the order upon the Commission's journal.

- (5) On May 1, 2015, and May 4, 2015, applications for rehearing of the ESP 3 Order were filed by: Duke; Industrial Energy Users-Ohio (IEU); The Ohio Energy Group (OEG); Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy (OPAE); Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. and Exelon Generation Company, LLC (jointly, Exelon); Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC); Ohio Manufacturers' Association (OMA); Retail Energy Supply Association (RESA); city of Cincinnati; Environmental Law & Policy Center (ELPC); Direct Energy Services, LLC and Direct Energy Business, LLC; Interstate Gas Supply, Inc. (IGS); and Sierra Club. On May 14, 2015, memoranda contra the various applications for rehearing were filed by Duke, IEU, OEG, OPAE, Exelon, OCC, OMA, ELPC, RESA, IGS, and Miami University and The University of Cincinnati.
- (6) By Entry on Rehearing, also heard today, the Commission granted rehearing for further consideration of the matters specified in the applications for rehearing.
- On May 19, 2015, as corrected on May 21, 2015 and May 28, 2015, Duke filed its proposed compliance rates and tariffs to become effective with the first billing cycle of June 2015.
- (8) On May 21, 2015 and May 28, 2015, Staff filed letters regarding Duke's proposed compliance rates and tariffs. In the letters, Staff states that the proposed tariffs appear to be in compliance with the Commission's April 2, 2015 ESP 3 Order; therefore, Staff recommends the tariffs be approved.
- (9) Upon review of Duke's compliance filing of May 19, 2015, as corrected on May 21, 2015 and May 28, 2015, as well as Staff's letters in response, the Commission finds that Duke's proposed compliance rates and tariffs appear to be reasonable and consistent with the *ESP 3 Order*. Accordingly, the proposed compliance rates and tariffs should be implemented with the first billing cycle of June 2015. We note, however, that Duke's compliance rates and tariffs are subject to further modification, based upon our forthcoming resolution of the parties' applications for rehearing.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the proposed compliance rates and tariffs filed by Duke on May 19, 2015, as corrected on May 21, 2015 and May 28, 2015, be approved, effective with the first billing cycle of June 2015. It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO Andre T. Porter, Chairman Lynn Sla Beth

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