

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Duke : Case No. 15-883-GE-RDR
Energy Ohio, Inc. to Adjust Rider DR-IM :
and Rider AU for 2014 SmartGrid Costs. :

**MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND
REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT
SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

Pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-13(A), the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Staff) respectfully requests an extension of the procedural schedule. Staff requests this extension because it needs more time to complete its investigation and prepare comments. Staff consulted with all parties in this proceeding and they do not object to Staff's request for an extension or its request for expedited treatment of the motion. Further details relating to this motion are set forth in the following memorandum in support.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

By entry dated July 1, 2015, the Commission adopted a procedural schedule in this case setting dates for the filing of comments, testimony, and an evidentiary hearing as follows:

- a) October 9, 2015 – Deadline for the filing of comments on the application by Staff and intervenors.¹
- b) October 23, 2015 – Deadline for all parties to file reply comments.
- c) November 6, 2015 – Deadline for Staff and intervenor testimony.
- d) November 13, 2015 – Deadline for Duke to file supplemental testimony.
- e) November 19, 2015 – The evidentiary hearing.

For the reasons set forth below, Staff requests that the Commission amend the procedural schedule as follows:

- a) **November 13, 2015** – Deadline for the filing of comments on the application by Staff and intervenors.
- b) **November 25, 2015** – Deadline for all parties to file reply comments.
- c) **December 9, 2015** – Deadline for Staff and intervenor testimony.
- d) **December 16, 2015** – Deadline for Duke to file supplemental testimony.

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The parties are not seeking to extend the time for the filing of motions to intervene.

e) **December 22, 2015** – The evidentiary hearing.

Staff requests this extension because it needs more time to complete its investigation and prepare comments. Staff consulted with all parties in this proceeding and they do not object to this request for an extension.

Also, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-12(C), Staff requests an expedited ruling regarding this motion. Staff contacted counsel of record for the parties and no party objects to the issuance of an expedited ruling.

Respectfully submitted,

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