

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC. FOR
MODIFICATION OF A TARIFF.

CASE NO. 15-1669-EL-ATA

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on May 18, 2016

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission finds that the application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke or the Company) to amend its interconnection tariff should be approved.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Duke is an electric distribution utility as defined in R.C. 4928.01(A)(6), and a public utility as defined in R.C. 4928.02, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 3} Pursuant to R.C. 4928.11(A) and 4928.06, the Commission is required to adopt rules that establish uniform interconnection standards to ensure transmission and distribution system safety and reliability and that provide for high quality, safe, and reliable electric service.

{¶ 4} On May 19, 2014, the Commission final filed with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) amended rules in Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-22, with an effective date of July 10, 2014, requiring electric utilities to file revised or updated interconnection tariffs.

{¶ 5} On September 24, 2015, the Company filed an application to modify its interconnection service tariffs containing the terms and conditions regarding interconnection to comply with the amended rules in Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-22. Thereafter, on January 29, 2016, after conversations with Staff, Duke filed an amended application.

{¶ 6} No party filed comments or objections to Duke's application in this proceeding.

{¶ 7} On February 10, 2016, Staff filed its Review and Recommendations regarding Duke's application for approval of its revised interconnection tariffs. Staff indicates that the Company has satisfied the interconnection service tariff filing requirement and recommends that the Commission approve the application, as amended.

{¶ 8} The Commission finds that Duke's proposed interconnection tariff, as filed on September 24, 2015, and amended on January 29, 2016, does not appear to be unjust or unreasonable and should be approved. Additionally, since no party filed comments or objections to Duke's application to modify its interconnection tariff, we find no hearing is necessary in this matter.

III. ORDER

{¶ 9} It is, therefore,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That Duke's application to amend its interconnection tariff, as filed on September 24, 2015, and amended on January 29, 2016, be approved. It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That Duke file, in final form, two complete copies of its tariff, consistent with this Finding and Order. One copy shall be filed in this case docket and one copy in its TRF docket. It is, further,

{¶ 12} ORDERED, That the effective date of the new tariff shall be a date not earlier than the date of this Finding and Order, and the date upon which the final tariffs are filed with the Commission. It is, further,

{¶ 13} ORDERED, That nothing in this Finding and Order shall be binding upon the Commission in any future proceeding or investigation involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule, or regulation. It is, further,

{¶ 14} ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties in this proceeding.

Commissioners Voting: Andre T. Porter, Chairman; Asim Z. Haque, Vice Chairman; Lynn Slaby; M. Beth Trombold; Thomas W. Johnson.

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