

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Duke)
Energy Ohio, Inc., for Approval of a) Case No. 11-5905-EL-RDR
Distribution Decoupling Rider.)

**COMMENTS REGARDING DUKE ENERGY’S APPLICATION TO ADJUST
AND SET CHARGES TO CUSTOMERS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION
DECOUPLING RIDER
BY
THE OFFICE OF THE OHIO CONSUMERS’ COUNSEL**

In Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.’s (“Duke”) Application to Adjust and Set Rider DDR (“Application”), Duke seeks to adjust the amount it charges customers under its pilot decoupling mechanism – DDR. The Office of the Ohio Consumers’ Counsel (“OCC”) takes the filing of the Application as an opportunity to reiterate that charges to customers under the DDR are to end with Duke’s pending rate case.¹ The proposed tariff Duke filed with the Application acknowledges that DDR ends with its next distribution rate case.² But it does not appear that Duke filed a redline of the DDR tariff in its pending rate case, Case No. 17-0032-EL-AIR et al., that shows the DDR mechanism ending.

OCC appreciates the opportunity to bring this matter to the attention of both Duke and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

¹ See In the Matter of the 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, Case No. 14-841-EL-SSO, April 2, 2015 Opinion and Order at 76 (authorizing Rider DDR “until the next distribution base rate case.”).

² See Application, Attachment 2.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Comments was served via electronic transmission upon the parties this 13th day of March, 2017.

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