

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for an Increase in Electric Distribution Rates.)	Case No. 17-32-EL-AIR
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In the Matter of Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for Tariff Approval.)	Case No. 17-33-EL-ATA
)	
In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for Approval to Change Accounting Methods.)	Case No. 17-34-EL-AAM
)	

PEOPLE WORKING COOPERATIVELY, INC.'S MOTION TO INTERVENE

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (“R.C.”) 4903.221 and Ohio Administrative Code (“Ohio Adm. Code”) Rule 4901-1-11, People Working Cooperatively, Inc. (“PWC”) respectfully moves to intervene in the above-captioned proceedings for the reasons set forth in the attached Memorandum in Support.

Respectfully submitted,



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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

PWC respectfully submits that it is entitled to intervene in these proceedings because PWC has a real and substantial interest in the proceedings, the disposition of which may impair or impede PWC's ability to protect that interest. For purposes of considering requests to intervene in a Commission proceeding, Ohio Adm. Code 4909-1-11(A) provides that:

Upon timely motion, any person shall be permitted to intervene in a proceeding upon a showing that:... (2) The person has a real and substantial interest in the proceeding, and the person is so situated that the disposition of the proceeding may, as a practical matter, impair or impede his or her ability to protect that interest, unless the person's interest is adequately represented by existing parties.

Further, Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-11(B) provides that the Commission, in ruling upon motions to intervene in its proceedings, shall consider the following criteria:

(1) The nature and extent of the prospective intervenor's interest; (2) The legal position advanced by the prospective intervenor and its probable relation to the merits of the case; (3) Whether the intervention by the prospective intervenor will unduly prolong or delay the proceedings; (4) Whether the prospective intervenor will significantly contribute to full development and equitable resolution of the factual issues; and (5) The extent to which the person's interest is represented by existing parties.

PWC is a unique non-profit organization that has served customers in Ohio for over forty years. PWC provides weatherization and energy management services to low-income residential consumers. It owns and maintains the necessary tools and equipment to deliver its services and employs a full-time staff of skilled construction and administrative personnel, both of which greatly enhance PWC's ability to provide excellent and cost efficient services. PWC broadens its ability to provide client services by employing utility funding to obtain additional funding from other entities. PWC has been providing services in Duke Energy Ohio Inc.'s ("Duke")

territory for decades, has a long-standing relationship with Duke, and has intervened in many Duke electric cases over the years.¹

Duke's funding has helped PWC perform energy conservation and weatherization services for low-income customers in Duke's territory for many years. PWC regularly intervenes in Duke's cases to ensure that this funding is continued so that low-income customers can continue to benefit from PWC's services. Accordingly, PWC has a direct, real, and substantial interest in this proceeding, and may be substantially impacted by its outcome.

Without PWC's ability to fully participate in this proceeding, PWC's interest will be prejudiced because no other participating party represents PWC's unique interests. Inasmuch as others participating in this proceeding cannot adequately protect PWC's interests, it would be inappropriate to make any final determination in this proceeding without PWC's participation. Furthermore, PWC's intervention will cause no undue delay or disruption.

For the reasons set forth above, PWC respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Motion to Intervene.

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¹ See Case Nos. 99-1658-EL-ETP, 03-93-EL-ATA, 05-59-EL-AIR, 08-790-EL-SSO, 10-2586-EL-SSO, 11-3549-EL-SSO, and 12-1682-EL-AIR.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing *People Working Cooperatively, Inc.'s Motion to Intervene* was served upon the parties of record in this proceeding by electronic mail this 24th day of March 2017.



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