

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC. TO ADJUST
RIDER AU FOR 2016 GRID
MODERNIZATION COSTS.

CASE NO. 17-690-GA-RDR

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on April 4, 2017

{¶ 1} Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke) is a natural gas company as defined in R.C. 4905.03 and a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 2} By Opinion and Order issued May 28, 2008, in *In re Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.*, Case No. 07-589-GA-AIR, et al. (*Gas Distribution Rate Case*), the Commission approved a stipulation that, among other things, provided a process for filing Duke's deployment plans for the installation of an automated gas meter reading system, which would share the SmartGrid communications technology for the electric system, and a method for recovering costs associated with the plans, which was designated Rider Advanced Utility (Rider AU).

{¶ 3} On March 24, 2017, Duke filed an application, along with supporting testimony, to adjust Rider AU for grid modernization deployment, pursuant to the process approved in the *Gas Distribution Rate Case*.

{¶ 4} At this time, the attorney examiner finds that, in order to accomplish the review of Duke's proposed adjustments to Rider AU, the following procedural schedule should be established:

- (a) June 23, 2017 – Deadline for the filing of motions to intervene.
- (b) July 21, 2017 – Deadline for the filing of comments on the application by Staff and intervenors.

- (c) August 4, 2017 – Deadline for all parties to file reply comments.
- (d) August 18, 2017 – In the event all of the issues raised in the comments are not resolved, or if the Commission deems the application may be unjust or unreasonable, a hearing will be held, and Staff and intervenor testimony will be due on this date.
- (e) August 25, 2017 – Deadline for Duke to file supplemental testimony.
- (f) August 31, 2017 – In the event a hearing is deemed necessary, the hearing will commence at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

{¶ 5} In the event Duke comes to an agreement with some or all of the parties in this case on some or all of the facts or issues in this case, the attorney examiner finds it appropriate to set forth a schedule for the filing of such stipulations prior to the commencement of the hearing in this case. Accordingly, Duke must file any applicable stipulation by 9:00 a.m., on August 30, 2017.

{¶ 6} It is, therefore,

{¶ 7} ORDERED, That the procedural schedule set forth in Paragraph 4 be adopted.
It is, further,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That the parties adhere to the process established in Paragraph 5.
It is, further,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

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/s/ Kerry K. Sheets

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