

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Review of Duke	:	
Energy Ohio, Inc.'s Alternative Energy	:	Case No. 15-1854-EL-RDR
Recovery Rider for the Period January 1,	:	
2014, through December 31, 2016.	:	

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**COMMENTS**  
SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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On May 02, 2017, the audit report of the Alternative Energy Recovery Rider (AER-R) of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (DEO or Company), prepared by Larkin & Associates PLLC (Larkin) for calendar year 2016, was filed in Case No. 15-1854-EL-RDR. In general, the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Staff) agrees with the findings and recommendations presented in the audit report, and recommends that the Commission adopt the auditor's recommendations and require the next auditor to review their implementation. The Staff reserves its right to file reply comments on any specific findings or recommendations contested in other comments filed in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **PROOF OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing **Comments** submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, was served via electronic mail upon counsel for the applicant as listed below, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

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