THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC., FOR AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH A STANDARD SERVICE OFFER PURSUANT TO R.C. 4923.143 IN THE FORM OF AN ELECTRIC SECURITY PLAN, ACCOUNTING MODIFICATIONS, AND TARIFFS FOR GENERATION SERVICE.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC., TO AMEND ITS CERTIFIED SUPPLIER TARIFF, P.U.C.O. NO. 20.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC., FOR AUTHORITY TO DEFER VEGETATION MANAGEMENT COSTS. CASE NO. 17-1264-EL-ATA

CASE NO. 17-1263-EL-SSO

CASE NO. 17-1265-EL-AAM

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on September 28, 2017

{¶ 1} Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke) is a public utility as defined by R.C. 4905.02. As such, it is subject to this Commission's jurisdiction.

{¶ 2} On June 1, 2017, Duke filed an application for a standard service offer (SSO) in the form of an electric security plan pursuant to R.C. 4928.141 and R.C. 4928.143.

{¶ 3} By Entry issued July 21, 2017, the attorney examiner issued the procedural schedule governing these proceedings. That Entry, in part, established September 11, 2017, as the deadline for filing motions to intervene. The following parties timely filed motions to intervene: Industrial Energy Users-Ohio (IEU-Ohio); Ohio Energy Group (OEG); Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC); Ohio Manufacturers' Association Energy Group (OMEAG); Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy (OPAE); Environmental Law & Policy Center; Wal-Mart Stores East, LP and Sam's East, Inc. (collectively, Walmart); The Kroger Co. (Kroger); Ohio Hospital Association (OHA); People Working Cooperatively,

Inc. (PWC); Environmental Defense Fund (EDF); Ohio Environmental Counsel (OEC); Interstate Gas Supply, Inc. (IGS); city of Cincinnati; Calpine Energy Solutions, LLC (Calpine); Retail Energy Supply Association (RESA); Direct Energy Business Services, LLC, Direct Energy Business, LLC, and Direct Energy Business Marketing, LLC (collectively, Direct Energy); Miami University; the University of Cincinnati; Constellation NewEnergy, Inc.; and Exelon Generation Company, LLC. The motions are unopposed. Upon review, the attorney examiner finds that the motions to intervene are reasonable and should be granted.

{¶ 4} The July 21, 2017 Entry also indicated that local public hearings would be scheduled and publication of notice required by subsequent entry. In order to provide Duke's customers the opportunity to provide public testimony in these proceedings, the attorney examiner finds that local public hearings will be conducted on the following dates:

- Monday, October 23, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., at the MidPointe Library Middletown, 125 South Broad Street, Middletown, Ohio 45044.
- (b) Thursday, October 26, 2017, at 12:30 p.m., at Cincinnati City Hall, Council Chambers, 801 Plum Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

{¶ 5} Pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-35-06(A), Duke should publish notice of the local public hearings one time in a newspaper of general circulation in each county in its certified territory. The notice should not appear in the legal notices section of the newspaper. The notice should read as follows:

LEGAL NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled local hearings and an evidentiary hearing in Case Nos. 17-1263-EL-SSO, *In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Authority to Establish a Standard Service Offer Pursuant to* R.C. 4923.143 *in the Form of an Electric Security Plan, Accounting Modifications, and Tariffs for Generation Service;* 17-1264-EL-ATA, *In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio., Inc., to Amend Its Certified Supplier Tariff, P.U.C.O. No. 20;* and 17-1265-EL-AAM, *In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Authority to Defer Vegetation Management Costs.* In these proceedings, Duke seeks Commission approval of an electric security plan filed on June 1, 2017, and matters related to the company's procurement of power for the period of June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2024.

The local hearings are scheduled for the purpose of providing an opportunity for interested members of the public to testify in these proceedings. The local hearings will be held as follows:

Monday, October 23, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., at MidPointe Library Middletown, 125 South Broad Street, Middletown, Ohio 45044.

Thursday, October 26, 2017, at 12:30 p.m., at Cincinnati City Hall, Council Chambers, 801 Plum Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. The evidentiary hearing regarding the provisions of the company's electric security plan will commence on November 13, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11A at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793, viewing the Commission's web page at <u>http://www.puco.ohio.gov</u>, or contacting the Commission's hotline at 1-800-686-7826.

{¶ **6}** It is, therefore,

{¶ 7} ORDERED, That the motions to intervene filed by various parties be granted as stated in Paragraph 3. It is, further,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That local public hearings in these matters be held as set forth in Paragraph 4. It is, further,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That Duke publish notice of the hearings as set forth in Paragraph 5. It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

s/Patricia Schabo

By: Patricia A. Schabo Attorney Examiner -4-

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry granting motions by various parties to intervene as stated in Paragraph 3, scheduling local public hearings as set forth in Paragraph 4, and directing Duke to publish the notice of the hearings as set forth in Paragraph 5. - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Patricia Schabo, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio