

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Duke :  
Energy Ohio, Inc., for Authority to : Case No. 17-1263-EL-SSO  
Establish a Standard Service Offer :  
Pursuant to Section 4928.143, Revised :  
Code, 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., for Authority to : Case No. 17-1264-EL-ATA  
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 : Case No. 17-1265-EL-AAM  
Vegetation Management Costs. :

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**MOTION FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND  
REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT  
SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

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The Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (“Staff”), pursuant to Rules 4901-1-12 and 4901-1-13 of the Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), respectfully requests an extension of the procedural schedule reflected in the July 21, 2017 Attorney Examiner Entry. Staff also requests that the Commission grant its motion on an expedited basis pursuant to O.A.C. 4901-1-12(C) and certifies that only one party objects to the issuance of an immediate ruling or to the requested extension.<sup>1</sup> The reasons for

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<sup>1</sup> Staff contacted the all of the parties in the cases. No party objects to the issuance of an immediate ruling or to the requested extension with the exception of Ohio Energy Group.

this motion are set forth more fully in the attached memorandum.

Respectfully submitted,

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## MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

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On June 1, 2017, Duke submitted an application for approval of a proposed electric security plan for its standard service offer of electric generation supply, in the above-captioned proceeding. By entry dated July 21, 2017, the Commission adopted a procedural schedule setting a date for the filing of testimony and an evidentiary hearing as follows:

1. Testimony on behalf of intervenors is to be filed by October 30, 2017.
2. Testimony on behalf of Staff is to be filed by November 6, 2017.
3. The evidentiary hearing is to begin on November 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

For the reasons set forth below, Staff requests an extension of the procedural schedule which would amend the procedural schedule as follows:

1. Testimony on behalf of intervenors is to be filed by November 9, 2017.
2. Testimony on behalf of Staff is to be filed by November 16, 2017.
3. The evidentiary hearing is to begin on November 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Staff respectfully requests an extension as described above in order to facilitate settlement discussions and explore whether a partial or complete settlement may be reached. If a partial or complete Stipulation and Recommendation (“Stipulation”) is filed by two or more parties before November 28, 2017, then Staff requests that the Attorney Examiner further modify the above procedural schedule at that time in order to

accommodate the preparation of testimony in support of the Stipulation, possible preparation of testimony in opposition to the Stipulation, and the parties' preparation for hearing. If for some reason no Stipulation is filed prior to the rescheduled hearing date, the evidentiary hearing will commence with the first witness on November 28, 2017.

O.A.C. 4901-1-12(C) allows a party to request that the Commission consider a motion on an expedited basis. Only one party opposes the motion for extension and request for immediate ruling.<sup>2</sup> Accordingly, Staff respectfully requests an expedited ruling that the testimony filing deadlines and the hearing date be extended.

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<sup>2</sup> Again, Staff contacted the all of the parties in the cases. No party objects to the issuance of an immediate ruling or to the requested extension with the exception of Ohio Energy Group.

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the Motion for Extension has been served upon the below-named counsel via electronic mail, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

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