

**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. :

**UNOPPOSED 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**

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 December 18, 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 no party objects to the issuance of an immediate ruling or to the requested extension. The reasons for this motion are set forth more fully in the attached memorandum.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

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 December 18, 2017, the Commission adopted a new procedural schedule for the filing of testimony and an evidentiary hearing as follows:

1. Testimony on behalf of intervenors is to be filed by January 5, 2018.
2. Testimony on behalf of Staff is to be filed by January 10, 2018.
3. The evidentiary hearing is to begin on January 16, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

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

1. Testimony on behalf of intervenors is to be filed by February 2, 2018.
2. Testimony on behalf of Staff is to be filed by February 7, 2018.
3. The evidentiary hearing is to begin on February 12, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

All of the parties have met to discuss settlement. Staff respectfully requests an extension as described above in order to facilitate continuing settlement discussions and further 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 February 12, 2018, 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 February 12, 2018.

O.A.C. 4901-1-12(C) allows a party to request that the Commission consider a motion on an expedited basis. No party opposes the motion for extension and request for immediate ruling. Accordingly, Staff respectfully requests an expedited ruling for the extension of the procedural schedule.

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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 3rd day of January, 2018.

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