

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Duke :
Energy Ohio, Inc., For an Increase in its : Case No. 17-32-EL-AIR
Electric Distribution Rates. :

In the Matter of the Application of Duke :
Energy Ohio, Inc., for Tariff Approval. : Case No. 17-33-EL-ATA
:

In the Matter of the Application of Duke :
Energy Ohio, Inc., for Approval to : Case No. 17-34-EL-AAM
Change Accounting Methods. :

**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 both that no party objects to the issuance of an immediate ruling or to the requested extension and continuance. The reasons for this motion are set forth more fully in the attached memorandum.

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

On March 2, 2017, Duke submitted an application for an increase in electric distribution rates, for approval of tariff modifications, and for approval to changes in certain accounting methods in the above-captioned proceeding. By entry dated December 18, 2017, the Commission adopted a procedural schedule setting a date for the filing of testimony and an evidentiary hearing as follows:

1. All pre-filed testimony is to be filed by January 16, 2018.
2. The evidentiary hearing is to begin on January 29, 2018 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. All pre-filed testimony is to be filed by February 12, 2018.
2. The evidentiary hearing is to begin on February 26, 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 continued 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 February 26, 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 26, 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 either the motion or Staff's request for immediate ruling. Accordingly, Staff respectfully requests an expedited ruling for an 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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