

**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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**UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR SUSPENSION 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 a suspension of the procedural schedule reflected in the January 31, 2018 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

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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 January 31, 2018, 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 February 16, 2018.
2. Testimony on behalf of Staff is to be filed by February 21, 2018.
3. The evidentiary hearing is to begin on February 26, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

For the reasons set forth below, Staff requests a suspension of the current procedural schedule.

All of the parties have met numerous times to discuss settlement. Staff respectfully requests a suspension of the current procedural in order to facilitate continuing settlement discussions and further explore whether a partial or complete settlement may be reached. Following suspension of the procedural schedule, the Parties propose and commit to either file a settlement in the docket next or file a notice indicating that the settlement efforts have been otherwise concluded. If a partial or complete Stipulation and Recommendation (“Stipulation”) is filed by two or more Parties, then Staff requests that the Attorney Examiner set a 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.

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 suspension of the procedural schedule and request for immediate ruling. Accordingly, Staff respectfully requests an expedited ruling for the suspension 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 Suspension of the Procedural Schedule has been served upon the below-named counsel via electronic mail, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2018.

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