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Ms. Barcy F. McNeal, Secretary  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Case No.17-1403-EL-RDR and Case No.17-690-GA-RDR

Dear Ms. McNeal:

In the above-captioned cases, Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., (Duke Energy Ohio) submitted applications to adjust Rider DR-IM and Rider AU for 2016 Grid Modernization Costs. These applications were approved by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio on January 17, 2018 and October 11, 2017, respectively. Rates for both of these tariffs are to become effective April 2, 2018. However, in order to appropriately reflect the impact of the Tax Cuts and Job Acts of 2017, Duke Energy Ohio has updated the rates to reflect the reduced tax rate. The Company submitted a motion along with the filings asking the Commission to approve the proposed rates. The Company's motion requested expedited treatment as it was important to the Company that its customers receive the proposed rate decrease as soon as possible.

The Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) filed a Memorandum Contra on February 27, 2018. The OCC appears to object to the Company's motion to implement the rate decrease for various reasons set forth in its Memorandum Contra.

As the Company submitted its motions in the above-captioned cases with a request for expedited treatment, under the Commission's rules, no reply is permitted. The Company therefore respectfully withdraws its Reply Memorandum that was filed in both cases on March 6, 2018.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elizabeth H. Watts".

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Summary: Notice Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.'s Notification letter of its withdrawal of Reply Memorandum. electronically filed by Mrs. Adele M. Frisch on behalf of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. and Watts, Elizabeth H and D'Ascenzo, Rocco O