

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE REVIEW OF
DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.'S
DISTRIBUTION CAPITAL INVESTMENT
RIDER.

CASE NO. 17-1118-EL-RDR

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on April 30, 2018

{¶ 1} Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke) is an electric distribution utility (EDU) as defined by R.C. 4928.01(A)(6) and a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 2} R.C. 4928.141 provides that an EDU shall provide consumers within its certified territory a standard service offer (SSO) of all competitive retail electric services necessary to maintain essential electric services to customers, including a firm supply of electric generation services. The SSO may be either a market rate offer in accordance with R.C. 4928.142 or an electric security plan (ESP) in accordance with R.C. 4928.143.

{¶ 3} On April 2, 2015, the Commission modified and approved an application for an ESP filed by Duke for the period June 1, 2015, through May 31, 2018. *In re Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.*, Case No. 14-841-EL-SSO, et al., Opinion and Order (Apr. 2, 2015). In the Opinion and Order, the Commission established a distribution capital investment (DCI) rider to allow for the recovery of capital costs for distribution infrastructure investments. The rider is to be reviewed annually for accounting accuracy, prudence, and compliance with the Commission's Opinion and Order. Further, the Commission found that a compliance audit of the DCI rider is to be completed annually to ensure conformance with the Opinion and Order. Pursuant to the Opinion and Order, comments regarding the audit are to be filed within 120 days of the filing and if the issues raised in the audit are not resolved within 150 days, then the matter is to be set for hearing.

{¶ 4} On June 7, 2017, the Commission ordered Staff to issue the Request for Proposal (RFP) for audit services. On July 12, 2017, the Commission selected Rehmann Consulting to perform the audit. Thereafter, on November 28, 2017, Rehmann Consulting filed its compliance audit of the DCI rider.

{¶ 5} On March 28, 2018, Staff and the Ohio Consumers' Counsel filed comments.

{¶ 6} On April 27, 2018, Staff filed a motion requesting a continuance of the procedural schedule. Specifically, Staff requests an extension to May 28, 2018, to resolve issues raised in comments on the DCI Annual Audit. Staff maintains that settlement discussions are ongoing and the parties would benefit from additional time. According to Staff, the motion is unopposed.

{¶ 7} The attorney examiner finds good cause exists to grant Staff's motion. Accordingly, the deadline to resolve issues in the case should be extended to May 28, 2018.

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That Staff's motion for an extension of the procedural schedule be granted. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That the procedural schedule be extended in accordance with Paragraph 7. It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

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s/Stacie Cathcart

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry granting Staff's motion for an extension of the procedural schedule and extending the procedural schedule in accordance with Paragraph 7 - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Stacie Cathcart, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio