BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for an Increase in Electric Distribution Rates.)))	Case No. 17-32-EL-AIR
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 Change Accounting Methods.)))	Case No. 17-34-EL-AAM
In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Approval to Modify Rider PSR.)))	Case No. 17-872-EL-RDR
In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Approval to Amend Rider PSR.)))	Case No. 17-873-EL-ATA
In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Approval to Change Accounting Methods.)))	Case No. 17-874-EL-AAM
In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Authority to 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.)))))	Case No. 17-1263-EL-SSO
In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Authority to Amend its Certified Supplier Tariff, P.U.C.O. No. 20.)))	Case No. 17-1264-EL-ATA
In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Authority to Defer Vegetation Management Costs.)))	Case No. 17-1265-EL-AAM

In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., to Establish Minimum Reliability Performance Standards Pursuant to Chapter 4901:1-10, Ohio Administrative Code.

Case No. 16-1602-EL-ESS

MOTION FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF THE PUBLIC UTLITIES 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 May 9, 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). Staff has contacted all parties regarding this motion. The Signatory and non-opposing parties to the Stipulation, filed on April 13, 2018, do not object to this requested extension and request for expedited treatment. Some parties, however, do object to this requested extension and the request for expedited treatment. The reasons for this motion are set forth more fully in the attached memorandum.

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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 May 9, 2018, the Commission granted a motion consolidate these cases and adopted a new procedural schedule for the filing of testimony as follows:

- Testimony in support of the Stipulation and Company testimony supporting Rate Case objections is to be filed May 25, 2018.
- Staff testimony responding to Objections to the Staff Report is to be filed by May 25, 2018.
- 3. Intervenor testimony is to be filed by June 20, 2018.

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

- Testimony in support of the Stipulation, with the exception of Staff, and Company testimony supporting Rate Case objections is to be filed June 6, 2018.
- Intervenor testimony in opposition to the Stipulation and intervener testimony supporting Rate Case objections is to be filed by June 20, 2018.
- 3. Staff testimony in Support of the Stipulation and Staff Testimony

responding to Objections to the Staff Report is to be filed by July 2, 2018.

Staff respectfully requests an extension as described above due to Staff's limited resources at the time. Staff is currently preparing for litigation in another case, which is set for hearing at the beginning of June. An extension of the schedule in this case will help Staff to focus its resources more effectively.

Additionally, Staff is requesting that the procedural schedule be modified so that Staff testimony responding to objections to the Staff Report be due after Intervenor testimony. Having access to testimony supporting objections to the Staff Report would allow Staff to respond fully to the objections.

Staff also requests that the Commission grant its motion on an expedited basis pursuant to O.A.C. 4901-1-12(C). Staff has contacted all parties regarding this motion. The Signatory and non-opposing parties to the Stipulation, filed on April 13, 2018, do not object to this requested extension and request for expedited treatment. Some parties, however, do object to this requested extension and the request for expedited treatment. Accordingly, Staff respectfully requests an expedited ruling for 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 and request for Expedited Treatment has been served upon the below-named counsel via electronic mail this 15th day of May, 2018.

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