

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE REGULATION OF
THE PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT
CLAUSE CONTAINED WITHIN THE RATE
SCHEDULES OF DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.
AND RELATED MATTERS.

CASE No. 18-218-GA-GCR

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNCOLLECTIBLE
EXPENSE RIDER OF DUKE ENERGY OHIO,
INC. AND RELATED MATTERS.

CASE No. 18-318-GA-UEX

IN THE MATTER OF THE PERCENTAGE OF
INCOME PAYMENT PLAN RIDER OF DUKE
ENERGY OHIO, INC. AND RELATED
MATTERS.

CASE No. 18-418-GA-PIP

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on October 11, 2018

{¶ 1} Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke or the Company) is a natural gas company as defined in R.C. 4905.03 and a public utility under R.C. 4905.02, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 2} By Entries issued on February 21, 2018, the Commission, inter alia, initiated these cases to review Duke's gas cost recovery rates, purchased gas adjustment clause, gas purchasing policies and practices, and related matters. The Entries scheduled these matters for hearing on January 15, 2019; directed that audit reports be filed no later than November 16, 2018; directed Duke to file any direct testimony at least 16 days prior to the hearing; and directed the Company to publish notice of the hearing between 15 and 30 days prior to the hearing date.

{¶ 3} On October 2, 2018, Staff filed a motion to extend the hearing date and the filing date for Duke's audit reports. Specifically, Staff requests that the filing of the audit reports be extended to January 24, 2019, and the hearing date be extended to March 26, 2019. In support of the motion, Staff explains that the auditor needs additional time to gather and analyze data from Duke and to complete its audit reports. Staff states that it is not possible

for the auditor to complete its audit reports nor for Staff to maintain the schedule for the current hearing date. Further, Staff states that it expects the audit reports to be completed and filed by January 24, 2019, and that there is no opposition from the parties regarding the motion.

{¶ 4} Upon consideration of Staff's motion, the attorney examiner finds that it is reasonable and should be granted.

{¶ 5} Accordingly, the filing date of the audit reports should be extended to January 24, 2019, and the hearing in these cases should be extended to March 26, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C, 11th Floor, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. Further, the time periods with respect to the other dates noted in the February 21, 2018 Entries in these matters remain unchanged. The filing date for direct testimony should be at least 16 days prior to the hearing, and the Company should publish notice of the hearing between 15 and 30 days prior to the hearing.

{¶ 6} It is, therefore,

{¶ 7} ORDERED, That Staff's motion to extend the hearing date and the filing date for Duke's audit reports be granted. It is, further,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon each party and interested person of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

/s/ Kerry K. Sheets

By: Kerry K. Sheets
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry granting the motion to extend the filing date of the audit reports to 1/24/19 and setting the hearing date for 3/26/19 electronically filed by Ms. Mary E Fischer on behalf of Kerry K. Sheets, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio