THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE REGULATION OF THE PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT **CLAUSE CONTAINED WITHIN THE RATE** CASE NO. 18-218-GA-GCR SCHEDULES OF DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC. AND RELATED MATTERS. IN THE MATTER OF THE UNCOLLECTIBLE EXPENSE RIDER OF DUKE ENERGY **CASE NO. 18-318-GA-UEX** OHIO, INC. AND RELATED MATTERS. IN THE MATTER OF THE PERCENTAGE OF INCOME PAYMENT PLAN RIDER OF DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC. CASE NO. 18-418-GA-PIP AND **RELATED MATTERS.**

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on April 2, 2019

{¶ 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 11, 2018, the attorney examiner granted Staff's motion to extend the hearing date and the filing date for Duke's audit reports. Specifically, the attorney examiner extended the deadline for the filing of the audit reports to January 24, 2019, and the hearing date to March 26, 2019.

{¶ 4} On February 19, 2019, the attorney examiner rescheduled the evidentiary hearing date to April 2, 2019, due to scheduling conflicts.

{¶ 5} On March 8, 2019, the attorney examiner granted Duke's unopposed motion to continue the procedural schedule. Accordingly, the attorney examiner rescheduled the evidentiary hearing date to May 7, 2019.

{¶ 6} On March 29, 2019, Duke filed correspondence in the docket requesting the hearing on April 2, 2019 be convened to preserve the publicized hearing notice in these matters and to inform any interested attendees of the scheduled hearing date of May 7, 2019.

{¶ 7} The attorney examiner finds that Duke's request is reasonable and should be granted. Accordingly, the April 2, 2019 evidentiary hearing will be briefly convened for the purpose of taking any public testimony. The hearing will then be continued to May 7, 2019.

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That Duke's request to convene the April 2, 2019 hearing be granted. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That the evidentiary hearing be convened on April 2, 2019. It is, further,

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

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s/Stacie Cathcart By: Stacie E. Cathcart

Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry granting Duke's request to convene the 04/02/2019 hearing in accordance with Paragraph 7 - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Stacie Cathcart, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio