

**BEFORE 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 ) Case No. 18-318-GA-UEX  
of Duke Energy 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. )

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**MOTION TO CONTINUE PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

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Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., (Duke Energy Ohio or Company) hereby moves the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission), in accordance with Rules 4901-1-13, 4901-1-12(C) and 4901-1-27(B)(6), Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), to continue the procedural schedule in this case until after June 30, 2019, as agreed by the parties. In addition, in light of the fact that the hearing currently is scheduled to start on May 7, 2019, Duke Energy Ohio requests an expedited ruling.

The reasons for this motion are set forth in the accompanying Memorandum in Support.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT**

Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke Energy Ohio), initiated this case by the filing of updates to its gas tariff, Rider GCRR (Gas Cost Recovery Rider) and Rider CCCR (Contract Commitment Cost Recovery Rider) to review the gas cost recovery rates, purchased gas adjustment clause, gas purchasing policies and practices, and related matters. of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke Energy Ohio). By Entry issued on February 21, 2018, these matters were set for hearing on January 15, 2019. Further the Commission directed that audit reports be filed no later than November 16, 2018; directed Duke Energy Ohio to file any direct testimony as 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.

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.

On February 19, 2019, the attorney examiner found that, due to scheduling conflicts, the evidentiary hearing date should be rescheduled to April 2, 2019.

On March 8, 2019, the attorney examiner found that, due to scheduling conflicts, the evidentiary hearing date should be rescheduled to May 7, 2019.

Duke Energy Ohio now requests that the hearing date and any related interim dates currently scheduled be postponed until after June 30, 2019, so that the parties can engage in settlement discussions.

Based on the telephone and email communications among counsel it is Duke Energy Ohio's understanding that no party objects to this motion.

Accordingly, Duke Energy Ohio requests that the Commission continue the existing procedural schedule until after June 30, 2019 to allow time to discuss settlement.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated herein, Duke Energy Ohio requests that the Commission grant its motion and revise the existing procedural schedule.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was served on the following parties of record by electronic service on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019.

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