

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 April 19, 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 April 2, 2019, the attorney examiner granted Duke's motion to briefly convene the April 2, 2019 hearing date to preserve the publicized hearing notice and to inform any interested attendees of the re-scheduled hearing date.

{¶ 7} Accordingly, on April 2, 2019, the evidentiary hearing was convened.

{¶ 8} On April 18, 2019, Duke filed a motion to continue the procedural schedule until after June 30, 2019, to allow the parties to engage in settlement discussions. Duke states that this motion is unopposed.

{¶ 9} Upon consideration of Duke's motion, the attorney examiner finds that it is reasonable and should be granted. Accordingly, the evidentiary hearing date should be rescheduled to July 9, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C, 11th Floor, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. The filing date for direct testimony should be at least 16 days prior to the hearing.

{¶ 10} It is, therefore,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That the evidentiary hearing be rescheduled for July 9, 2019. It is, further,

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

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s/Stacie Cathcart

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Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry scheduling evidentiary hearing for 07/09/2019 in accordance with Paragraph 9 - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Stacie Cathcart, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio