

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 July 26, 2019

{¶ 1} Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke) 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 Duke 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 the 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 to commence on 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, with the evidentiary hearing rescheduled to begin on May 7, 2019.

{¶ 6} On April 2, 2019, the attorney examiner granted Duke's motion to call the evidentiary hearing on April 2, 2019, in order to preserve the publicized hearing notice, and then continue the hearing to May 7, 2019.

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

{¶ 8} On April 18, 2019, Duke filed an unopposed motion to continue the procedural schedule until after June 30, 2019, in order to allow the parties to engage in settlement discussions. By Entry dated April 19, 2019, Duke's motion was granted and the evidentiary hearing was rescheduled for July 9, 2019.

{¶ 9} On June 20, 2019, Duke again filed a motion to continue the procedural schedule, along with a request for an expedited ruling. Duke proposed that the evidentiary hearing be rescheduled to reconvene on a date after July 23, 2019, in order to afford the parties additional time to finalize the terms of a settlement agreement. On June 21, 2019, Duke's motion was granted and the evidentiary hearing was continued to a date to be established by future entry.

{¶ 10} On July 26, 2019, Duke, Staff, and Interstate Gas Supply, Inc. filed a stipulation and recommendation (Stipulation) for the Commission's consideration.

{¶ 11} At this time, the attorney examiner finds that the evidentiary hearing should be scheduled to reconvene on September 10, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-C, 11th Floor, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. All direct expert testimony in support of the Stipulation should be filed by August 23, 2019. All direct expert testimony in opposition to the Stipulation should be filed by September 3, 2019.

{¶ 12} It is, therefore,

{¶ 13} ORDERED, That the procedural schedule set forth in Paragraph 11 be adopted. It is, further,

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

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s/Sarah Parrot

By: Sarah J. Parrot
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry setting forth a procedural schedule as indicated in Paragraph 11 - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Sarah Parrot, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio