

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.

CASE NO. 19-218-GA-GCR

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

CASE NO. 19-318-GA-UEX

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

CASE NO. 19-418-GA-PIP

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on December 24, 2019

{¶ 1} Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke or Company) is a natural gas company, as defined by R.C. 4905.03, and a public utility by reason of R.C. 4905.02. As such, Duke is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, in accordance with R.C. 4905.04 and 4905.05.

{¶ 2} By Entry issued on February 20, 2019, 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 Entry scheduled these matters for hearing on January 14, 2020; directed that audit reports be filed no later than November 15, 2019; 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 December 23, 2019, Duke filed a motion to continue the procedural schedule along with a request for an expedited ruling. Duke proposes that the evidentiary hearing, the date for filing direct testimony, and any related interim dates be postponed by at least three weeks in order for the parties to engage in settlement discussions. Additionally, Duke requests that, since the Company has already arranged to publish notice of the January 14, 2020 hearing date, the hearing on January 14, 2020, convene as scheduled

in order to preserve the publicized hearing notice and further inform any interested attendees of the newly-scheduled hearing date. Duke represents that no party objects to its motion.

{¶ 4} In accordance with Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-12(C), the attorney examiner finds that Duke's unopposed motion is reasonable and should be granted. Accordingly, the evidentiary hearing shall be called, as currently scheduled, on January 14, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. and resumed to a date established by future entry. Deadlines for the filing of direct testimony will also be set by future entry.

{¶ 5} It is, therefore,

{¶ 6} ORDERED, That Duke's motion for a continuance of the procedural schedule be granted. It is, further,

{¶ 7} ORDERED, That the evidentiary hearing be called on January 14, 2020, and continued to a date established by future entry. It is, further,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That the deadlines for direct testimony be established by future entry. It is, further,

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

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/s/Lauren L. Augostini

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Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry granting motion for continuance of procedural schedule, ordering evidentiary hearing be called and continued and ordering that deadlines for direct testimony be established by future entry electronically filed by Heather A Chilcote on behalf of Lauren L. Augostini, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio