

## 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. 20-218-GA-GCR

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

CASE No. 20-318-GA-UEX

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

CASE No. 20-418-GA-PIP

### ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on December 15, 2020

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

{¶ 2} R.C. 4905.302 and Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-14-07 provide that the Commission shall conduct, or cause to be conducted, periodic audits of each gas or natural gas company under the Commission's jurisdiction. Such audits shall review each company's compliance with the gas cost recovery (GCR) mechanism as delineated in Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-14.

{¶ 3} Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-14-08 provides that the Commission shall hold a public hearing at least 60 days after the filing of each GCR audit report required under Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-14-07. Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-14-08(C) specifies the requirement for notice of a GCR hearing, which each company should cause to be published between 15 and 30 days prior to the date set for its hearing. The notice may be provided by a publication of a display ad in a newspaper (in a section other than the legal notice section), bill message, bill insert, or direct mailing to the customers.

{¶ 4} On December 21, 2005, the Commission authorized Duke to establish an uncollectible expense (UEX) rider. *In re The Cincinnati Gas & Elec. Co.*, Case No. 05-732-EL-MER, et al., Finding and Order (Dec. 21, 2005). In accordance with the Commission's previous directives, Duke's independent financial auditor is to audit the UEX rider in conjunction with Duke's GCR audit. *In re Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.*, Case No. 10-726-GA-UEX, Finding and Order (June 23, 2010).

{¶ 5} Furthermore, the Commission has authorized Duke to recover percentage of income payment plan (PIPP) arrearages associated with providing natural gas service through its PIPP rider. *In re Review of PIP Plan Riders*, Case No. 88-1115-GE-PIP, et al., Finding and Order (Dec. 2, 1993).

{¶ 6} By Entry issued March 11, 2020, the Commission initiated these proceedings; found that Duke's PIPP rider should be audited in the course of the Company's GCR and UEX audits; established the financial audit periods for the GCR mechanism and UEX and PIPP riders; set the due date by which the financial audit reports must be filed; and provided instructions for Duke's selected auditor. The March 11, 2020 Entry also scheduled this matter for a public hearing to be held on January 19, 2021, and directed Duke to publish notice of the hearing pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-14-08(C).

{¶ 7} Due to the continued COVID-19 state of emergency declared by the governor in Executive Order 2020-01D, the attorney examiner finds that the public hearing scheduled for January 19, 2021, should be rescheduled to a date to be established by future entry. The hearing will be held using remote access technology. By future entry, the Commission will provide additional details and instructions regarding remote access to the hearing and how to participate by telephone and/or live video on the internet, as well as direct Duke to issue public notice of the rescheduled hearing.

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That the public hearing in this matter scheduled for January 19, 2021, be rescheduled to a date to be established by future entry. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

/s/David M. Hicks

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry rescheduling the public hearing date in this matter of 1.19.21 to a date to be established by future entry. electronically filed by Kelli C. King on behalf of David M. Hicks, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio