

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Duke)	
Energy Ohio, Inc., to File for Tariff)	Case No. 14-2209-EL-ATA
Approval)	

**MOTION OF DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.,
FOR EXTENSION OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

Comes now Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., (Duke Energy Ohio or Company), pursuant to Rule 4901-1-12 and 4901-1-12, O.A.C., and hereby moves the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) for an order, issued on an expedited basis, extending the current procedural schedule in this proceeding. The basis for the Company's request is set forth in the attached memorandum.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

On December 16, 2014, Duke Energy Ohio instituted the present matter by filing an application for the limited purpose of amending its electric tariff to include terms and conditions for the provision of interval customer energy usage data (CEUD) to competitive retail electric service (CRES) providers.¹ Specifically, the Company sought to amend the definition of “interval meter,” establish the process by which CRES providers could request interval data, and set the charge for each such data request.² This filing was done in response to a directive from the Commission, which required all Ohio electric distribution utilities to submit tariffs for the purpose of establishing “the terms, conditions, and charges for providing interval CEUD, based upon their capabilities and cost considerations....”³ As the Commission further instructed, it would “review those terms, conditions, and charges when the EDUs file their amended tariffs.”⁴

On December 16, 2015, the Commission issued a procedural schedule serving to define the scope of the hearing in this proceeding.⁵ Specifically, the Commission requested that the parties provide responses to four questions pertaining to the current capabilities of the Company to provide CEUD and how those capabilities may be expanded along with estimated costs and timelines.

In early 2015, various parties intervened and submitted comments with respect to the Company’s application. Thereafter, the aforementioned procedural schedule was extended to allow time for the parties to meet and discuss the very complex and detailed issues raised in this proceeding and the Commission’s intent, as reflected in its directive.

¹ Application (December 16, 2014).

² Id. See also tariff, in red line form, attached as Exhibit XX (December 16, 2014).

³ *In the Matter of the Commission’s Investigation of Ohio’s Retail Electric Service Market*, Case No. 12-3151-EL-COI, Entry on Rehearing, at pg. 19 (May 21, 2014)(emphasis added).

⁴ Id.

⁵ Entry, December 16, 2015.

On January 31, 2017, Duke Energy Ohio submitted a pre-filing notice of intention to file an electric distribution rate case and, on March 2, filed its application. Through the electric distribution rate case, the Company seeks approval of cost recovery mechanisms for system changes necessary to enable the provision of interval CEUD to CRES providers beyond current capabilities, as contemplated in the Commission's directive. The rate case will enable parties to fully evaluate, on a holistic level, the current system and appropriate modifications thereto that will assist in the further advancement of the retail electric market in southeast Ohio, as contemplated by the Commission, and associated cost recovery. Importantly, the present proceeding does not allow such an opportunity given its limited scope, as defined by the Commission.

The procedural schedule in this case sets forth March 14, 2017, as the date on which the Company must file testimony. In the rate case, the Company will file testimony on March 16, 2017. It is anticipated that the inquiries of the Commission posed in this proceeding will be significantly addressed in the electric distribution rate case. To provide for efficient administration of these related cases, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission either delay the date by which testimony must be filed in this case, or otherwise hold this proceeding in abeyance during the prosecution of the pending electric distribution rate case. To the extent that the Commission's questions are not resolved there, this proceeding may then be prosecuted as necessary for the Commission to seek the information it requires. The Company seeks an expedited ruling on this request due to the time interval between the filing of the request and the time when testimony is due for both cases set forth above and to allow coordination in the preparation of both cases. Parties to this proceeding were not contacted prior to the filing of this motion.

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 true and accurate copy of the foregoing was delivered by U.S. mail (postage prepaid), personal delivery, or electronic mail, on this 2nd day of March 2017, to the following parties.

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