**BEFORE**

**THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

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| In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for Tariff Approval Regarding Customer Energy Usage Data. | ::: | Case No. 14-2209-EL-ATA |

**JOINT MOTION TO SUSPEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

**AND**

**REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

 All of the Parties to this case respectfully request a suspension of the pro­cedural schedule until further notice by the Parties. The rea­sons for this motion are set forth more fully in the attached memorandum.

Respectfully submitted,

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**On behalf of the Staff of**

**The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio**

**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT**

 On March 18, 2016, the Attorney Examiner issued an Entry that set forth a pro­cedural schedule with the follow­ing deadlines: (a) April 15, 2016, for filing testimony on behalf of Duke; (b) April 25, 2016, for filing testimony on behalf of intervenors; and (c) May 4, 2016, for holding the evidentiary hearing.

 The Parties continue to engage in productive settlement discussions in an effort to reach a settlement that resolves all of the issues in this case. The Parties agree that more time is necessary for the Parties to continue to build on their discussions and potentially reach a settlement. Accordingly, the Parties request a suspension of the procedural sched­ule until the Attorney Examiner is notified by the Parties on the status of their settlement discussions. If a settlement is not obtained, the Parties request a new and accelerated pro­cedural schedule.

 Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-12(C) allows a party to request that the Commission con­sider a motion on an expedited basis. Accordingly, the Parties respectfully request an expedited ruling that the procedural schedule be suspended as requested in this joint motion. In addition to Staff, the undersigned has received authorization from Duke and all of the intervening parties to sign and file this joint motion on their behalf. The Parties respectfully request that the Commission approve this joint motion to suspend the pro­cedural schedule until further notice by the Parties on the status of their settlement discus­sions.

Respectfully submitted,

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