March 18, 2024

Tanowa M. Troupe, Secretary

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

180 E. Broad St., 11th Floor

Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Settlement: *In the Matter of the Regulation of the Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause Contained Within the Rate Schedules of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.*, Case No. 21-218-GA-GCR, *et seq.*

Dear Ms. Troupe:

The Office of the Ohio Consumers’ Counsel (“OCC”) has been involved in a recent process where OCC negotiated – on behalf of the residential consumers of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (“Duke”) – with Duke, the PUCO Staff, and other parties. The negotiations resulted in a Stipulation and Recommendation (“Settlement”) filed in this case on March 14, 2024.

OCC takes no position for or against the Settlement. OCC’s non-opposition to the Settlement is not precedent for any future case or issue. OCC is not waiving its rights to make any recommendations it considers appropriate in any other (including future) proceedings regarding Duke.

OCC appreciates the efforts of the parties to negotiate a Settlement that enabled OCC’s non-support and non-opposition on behalf of consumers.

Sincerely,

*/s/ William J. Michael*

William J. Michael

Assistant Consumers’ Counsel

cc: Parties of record