

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for an Increase in its Natural Gas Distribution Rates.)	Case No. 12-1685-GA-AIR
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In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Tariff Approval.)	Case No. 12-1686-GA-ATA
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In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for Approval of an Alternative Rate Plan for Gas Distribution Service.)	Case No. 12-1687-GA-ALT
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In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Approval to Change Accounting Methods.)	Case No. 12-1688-GA-AAM
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JOINT MOTION TO CONTINUE HEARING

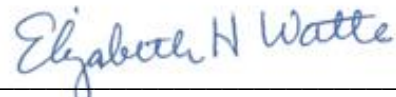
Now come Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., (Duke Energy Ohio), the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy, Greater Cincinnati Health Council, The Kroger Company, Direct Energy Services, Ohio Manufacturers' Association, IGS Energy, People Working Cooperatively, Cincinnati Bell, the City of Cincinnati, and the Staff of the Commission (Joint Movants)¹, in accordance with Rule 4901-1-13, Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), and hereby submit to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) a Joint Motion to Continue the Hearing in the above-captioned cases. Joint Movants further request an expedited ruling from the Commission on this issue. The potential length of the public hearing scheduled for Duke Energy Ohio's electric distribution rate case and the scheduled start date for Duke Energy Ohio's capacity case are likely to provide fewer days for the completion of the gas

¹ Stand Energy neither supports nor objects to the Joint Motion to Continue Hearing.

distribution rate case, which presently has no explicitly defined start date, than will be necessary for its completion. Accordingly, for the reasons set forth in the accompanying memorandum in support, Joint Movants request that the Commission continue the public hearing in this matter until April 29, 2013. Joint Movants further respectfully request that the Commission approve this motion in an expedited fashion.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Joint
Movants,

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**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF JOINT MOVANTS'
MOTION TO CONTINUE HEARING**

Pursuant to an Entry dated January 18, 2013, an amended procedural schedule was adopted in the above-captioned cases (gas rate cases). The procedural schedule set the following time table for the hearings in the Duke Energy Ohio electric rate cases (Case Nos. 12-1682-EL-AIR, 12-1683-EL-ATA, and 12-1684-EL-AAM) and gas rate cases:

(g) March 25, 2013 - The evidentiary hearing for the electric rate case will begin at 10:00 a.m. in Hearing Room 11-A, at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

(h) The evidentiary hearing for the gas rate case will commence no later than one business day after the conclusion of the electric rate case at 10:00 a.m. in Hearing Room 11-A, at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

In addition to the electric and gas rate cases, Duke Energy Ohio's capacity case, Case No. 12-2400-EL-UNC (capacity case), is currently underway. The hearing in the capacity case is presently scheduled to begin on April 15, 2013.

Because of the numerous issues involved in the electric and gas rate cases and the capacity case, there is a significant possibility that the hearing dates, as presently scheduled, will overlap. Given this possibility, and the significant strain on the resources of all parties involved in these cases and the Commission due to the sequential hearings scheduled in these matters, the Joint Movants respectfully request that the hearing in the gas rate cases be continued until April 29, 2013. The Joint Movants believe that this firm date will provide all parties with the amount of time necessary to complete the hearings in the electric rate cases and the capacity case, and proceed appropriately with the gas rate cases.

In view of these circumstances, and the quickly approaching hearing dates in the electric and gas rate cases, the Joint Movants respectfully request that the Commission approve the attached Motion to Continue on an expedited basis, as permitted by Rule 4901-1-12(C), O.A.C.

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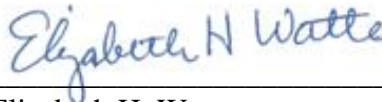


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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