

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Long-Term)
Forecast and Resource Plan of Duke) Case No. 17-888-EL-FOR
Energy Ohio, Inc.)

**DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.'S
MOTION FOR A WAIVER OF THE COMMISSION RULES
AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke Energy Ohio) hereby moves the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) for a waiver of its rules to permit Duke Energy Ohio to file a long-term forecast and resource plan on or before July 1, 2016. Duke Energy Ohio respectfully requests that the Commission grant this motion on an expedited basis pursuant to Rule 4901-1-12(C). The reasons for this motion are set forth in the accompanying Memorandum in Support.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

Duke Energy Ohio is an electric distribution utility as defined by Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) Section 4928.01. Duke Energy Ohio owns and operates major utility facilities as defined in R.C. 4935.04. Such electric distribution utilities are required, pursuant to Ohio Administrative code (O.A.C) 4901:5-03-01, to annually furnish a long-term forecast report to the Commission for its review. Electric distribution utilities are also required, pursuant to 4901:5-5-06, O.A.C., to file a resource plan. Both the long-term forecast and resource plan are to be filed on or before April 15, each year. Rule 4901-5-01(D), O.A.C., provides that the Commission may grant an extension of the filing deadline for good cause shown.

Duke Energy Ohio requests that the commission grant it a waiver from the requirement for the time of filing a forecast and resource plan so that the Company may be permitted to file its forecast and resource plan on or before July 1, 2016. This extension of time is necessary so that the company may complete its internal reporting process and provide current and accurate information. Duke Energy Ohio does not anticipate that an extension of the filing deadline will unduly delay or unfairly prejudice any prospective intervenor. Rather, the extension of the filing date will enable proper consideration and coordination of submissions to the Commission, including energy efficiency and renewable compliance filings.

Therefore, Duke Energy Ohio respectfully requests that the Commission grant a waiver from the provisions of 4901:5-1-02 and 4901:5-5-06, O.A.C., to permit a later filing for its annual forecast and resource plans.

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