

**BEFORE**

**THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Duke )  
Energy Ohio, Inc., for Authority to )  
Establish a Standard Service Offer )  
Pursuant to Section 4928.143, Revised ) Case No. 17-1263-EL-SSO  
Code, in the Form of an Electric Security )  
Plan, Accounting Modifications and )  
Tariffs for Generation Service. )

In the Matter of the Application of Duke )  
Energy Ohio, Inc., for Authority to Amend ) Case No. 17-1264-EL-ATA  
its Certified Supplier Tariff, P.U.C.O. No. )  
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In the Matter of the Application of Duke )  
Energy Ohio, Inc., for Authority to Defer ) Case No. 17-1265-EL-AAM  
Vegetation Management Costs. )

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**NOTICE OF DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC., REGARDING  
COMPETITIVE BIDDING SCHEDULE**

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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) approved an application for an electric security plan (ESP) that included a competitive bid auction schedule for Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke Energy Ohio), in Case No.14-841-EL-SSO, *et al.* (ESP III). In those proceedings, the auction schedule that was approved included a requirement that the first auction should occur in advance of the end of the previous ESP on May 31, 2015. The second and third auctions were to occur in November 2015 and March 2016, and the fourth and fifth auctions were to occur in November 2016 and March 2017. The Commission directed Duke Energy Ohio to file its next Standard Service Offer (SSO) application no later than June 1, 2017.

Duke Energy Ohio filed the application in the present proceedings on June 1, 2017. The Company's next auction would typically have been held in November 2017, but was not held as the instant proceedings were not yet concluded. In order to maintain an adequate supply of energy for SSO customers, the Company proposes to engage Charles River Associates (CRA) to manage two auctions, consistent with the testimony submitted by Robert J. Lee in these proceedings, to be held on February 12 and February 20, 2018. The bidder application and qualification process, bidding design, and post-closing process will follow the same process as described by Mr. Lee in his testimony. The product to be procured in the wholesale energy auctions to be conducted by CRA would be hourly, load-following, full requirements tranches of the Company's entire SSO load, which now excludes the load of percentage of income payment plan (PIPP) customers.

No party in these proceedings objects to the filing of this Notice.

Respectfully submitted,

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The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing document was served this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017, by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, or by electronic mail upon the parties listed below.

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