

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy)
Ohio, Inc. for an Increase in Gas Rates.) Case No. 07-589-GA-AIR

In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy)
Ohio, Inc. for Approval of an Alternative Rate) Case No. 07-590-GA-ALT
Plan for its Gas Distribution Service.)

In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy)
Ohio, Inc. for Approval to Change Accounting) Case No. 07-591-GA-AAM
Methods.)

ENTRY

The Attorney Examiner finds:

- (1) By entry issued February 1, 2008, a local public hearing was scheduled for Thursday, February 21, 2008 in Mason, Ohio, but was subsequently postponed due to a weather conditions.
- (2) This hearing has now been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2008, at 6:30 p.m., at the Mason Middle School Commons, 6370 Mason-Montgomery Road, Mason, Ohio.
- (3) Duke should publish notice of this rescheduled hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the affected service territory once each week for two consecutive weeks prior to the scheduled date of the hearing. The notice should not appear in the legal notices section of the newspaper. The notice should read as follows:

LEGAL NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has rescheduled a local public hearing on Tuesday, March 10, 2008, at 6:30 p.m., at the Mason Middle School Commons, 6370 Mason-Montgomery Road, Mason, Ohio, in Case Nos. 07-589-GA-AIR, 07-590-GA-ALT, 07-591-GA-AAM, *In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for an Increase in Gas Distribution Rates, for Approval of an Alternative Rate Plan for its Gas Distribution Services and for Approval to Change Accounting Methods.* The hearing is scheduled for the purpose of

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providing an opportunity for interested members of the public to testify in these proceedings.

By its application, Duke seeks a rate increase which would generate approximately \$34,142,702 of additional revenue, or an increase of 5.71 percent over current revenue. After its review of the company's records and application, the staff of the Commission recommends an increase in revenue of between \$14,271,220 and \$20,050,312, or an increase of between 2.39 percent and 3.36 percent over current revenue.

The major issues in this case are as follows:

- (a) Revenue requirements
- (b) Rate base, including valuation of assets and analysis of plant and working capital components
- (c) Determination of operating income, including revenues and expenses
- (d) Rate of return, including appropriate return on equity
- (e) Rates and tariffs, including rate design, allocation of costs, trackers, customer charges, and customer classes
- (f) Other matters, including audit recommendations, customer service and customer assistance, weatherization, payment stations, riser replacement decoupling, accelerated main replacement and advance metering.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793, viewing the Commission's web page at <http://www.puc.state.oh.us> or contacting the Commission's hotline at 1-800-686-7826. The hearing impaired can reach the Commission via TTY at 1-800-686-1570 or, in Columbus, at 466-8180. Participants in the proceeding may request a sign language interpreter by calling the Commission's Consumer

Services Department at any of the numbers listed above at least 48 hours before the hearing.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the local public hearing in Mason, Ohio be rescheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2008, at 6:30 p.m., at the Mason Middle School Commons, 6370 Mason-Montgomery Road, Mason, Ohio. It is, further,

ORDERED, That notice of this hearing be published as set forth in finding above. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO



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Renee J. Jenkins
Secretary