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March 12, 2008

Ms. Betty McCauley  
The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

Re: 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 Plan for its Gas Distribution Service, Case No. 07-590-GA-ALT

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

Dear Ms. McCauley:

Pursuant to the Commission's Entry dated February 25, 2008 in these cases, I have enclosed the ads and affidavits from the publishers verifying publication of Duke Energy Ohio's public hearing on March 11, 2008. The notice was published as follows:

<u>Newspaper</u>	<u>Publication Dates</u>
<i>The Cincinnati Enquirer</i>	February 29 & March 7, 2008

Please date-stamp the two extra copies of this transmittal letter and return to me in the envelope provided. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

John J. Finnigan, Jr.  
Associate General Counsel

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cc: Michael L. Kurtz (w/encl.)	John W. Bentine (w/encl.)
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has rescheduled a local public hearing on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at 6:30p.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 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.

DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.

Katrina Jones

AFFIANT  
Sworn to before me, this

March 10, 2008

Doris Thomas

Notary Public of Ohio



**DORIS THOMAS**  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
My Commission Expires  
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# Affidavit of Publication

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March 10, 2008

Douglas Thomas

Notary Public of Ohio



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Notary Public, State of Ohio  
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