

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for an Increase in Electric Distribution Rates.) Case No. 08-709-EL-AIR
In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for Tariff Approval.) Case No. 08-710-EL-ATA
In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for Approval to Change Accounting Methods.) Case No. 08-711-EL-AAM

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., (DE-Ohio or Applicant) is an electric company as defined by Section 4905.03(A)(4), Revised Code, and a public utility as defined by Section 4905.02, Revised Code. DE-Ohio is, therefore, subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission pursuant to Sections 4905.04, 4905.05, and 4905.06, Revised Code.
- (2) Sections 4909.18, 4909.19, and 4909.43, Revised Code, enumerate the statutory requirements for an application to increase a public utility's electric base rates. The Commission adopted Rule 4901-7-01, Ohio Administrative Code and its Appendix (Standard Filing Requirements) pursuant to Sections 4901.13, 4909.04(C), and 4909.18, Revised Code. These Standard Filing Requirements specify the format for filing all information required in an application for an increase in rates and define the information which the Commission, in its discretion, requires pursuant to Section 4909.18(F), Revised Code.
- (3) The Applicant's notice of intent to file an application for an increase in electric distribution rates was received on June 25, 2008, pursuant to Section 4909.43(B), Revised Code, and was determined to be in compliance with amended Chapter I of the

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Commission's Standard Filing Requirements, Sections A and B, on July 23, 2008.

- (4) The application seeking Commission authority to increase electric distribution rates was received by this Commission on July 25, 2008, and is subject to the aforementioned statutory provisions.
- (5) The application of DE-Ohio meets the requirements of Section 4909.18, Revised Code, and this Commission's Standard Filing Requirements. As such, the Staff recommends the application be accepted for filing as of July 25, 2008.
- (6) The Applicant's proposed notice for publication, Schedule S-3, complies with the requirements of Section 4909.18(E), Revised Code, and should be approved, with the following modification:

Any interested party seeking detailed information with respect to all affected rates, charges, regulations, and practices may inspect a copy of the application, including supporting schedules and present and proposed rate sheets, by either of the following methods: by visiting the offices of the Commission at 180 East Broad Street, 13th floor, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793; or by visiting the Commission's web site at <http://www.puco.ohio.gov>, selecting DIS, inputting 08-709 in the case lookup box, and selecting the date the application was filed. Additionally, a copy of the application and supporting documents may be viewed at the business office of the company at 139 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio or at 644 Linn Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

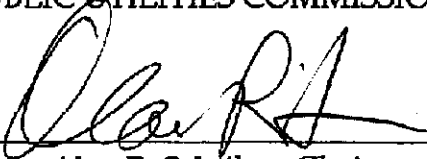
It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., be accepted for filing as of July 25, 2008. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the proposed newspaper notice submitted by Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., be approved for publication as set forth in Finding No. 6 above. It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO



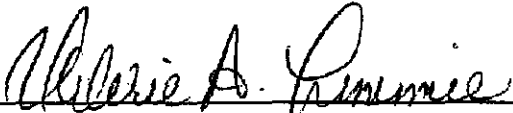
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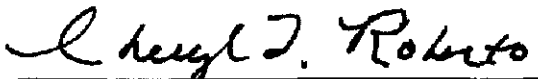
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