## **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for Approval	)	Case No. 09-400-GA-ATA
of Gas Tariff Rate MPS.	)	

## **ENTRY**

## The Commission finds:

- (1) The Applicant, Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., (Duke or Company) is a public utility as defined in Section 4905.02, Revised Code, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) On May 8, 2009, Duke filed an application requesting approval of new gas Rate MPS which is applicable to customers that request Duke to install optional gas meter pulse equipment. The new rate establishes the rules and requirements for customers who wish to participate in Duke's MPS tariff rate.
- (3) The Rate MPS allows for tariff recovery of expenses associated with installation, and maintenance as required, of equipment outside of what is needed in order to provide normal natural gas delivery service to customers. The service provided is an electronic pulse output, representing a pre-determined natural gas volume. The volume will vary at different meter installations, and will thus be communicated to the customer at the time of installation. The pulse supplied does not represent rate of flow, only total volume and should not be used for control purposes.
- (4) According to the application, some large customers have energy management systems that enable them to control their energy usage on a real-time basis. The MPS device connects the Company's gas meter (used for billing) to the customer's energy management system. This allows the customers to select a pre-determined volume of gas over a specific time period and the MPS provides a data signal to the energy management system proportional to the amount of gas specified to be consumed over that time period.
- (5) This Commission has reviewed the application and finds it is reasonable and in the public interest and should be approved.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the request of Duke for approval of its proposed Rate MPS tariff be approved. It is, further,

ORDERED, That Duke be authorized to file complete copies of tariffs in final form, consistent with this Entry. Duke shall file one copy in this case docket and one copy in its TRF docket (or may file electronically as directed in Case No 06-900-AU-WVR). It is, further,

ORDERED, That nothing in this Entry shall be binding upon this Commission in any future proceeding or investigation involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, or regulation of Duke. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon Duke.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO Alan R. Schriber, Chairman

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