## BEFORE

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Approval of a Distribution Decoupling Rider.

Case No. 11-5905-EL-RDR

## <u>ENTRY</u>

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On November 22, 2011, the Commission issued its Opinion and Order in In the Matter of Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for Authority to Establish a Standard Service Offer Pursuant to Section 4928.143, Revised Code, in the Form of an Electric Security Plan, Accounting Modifications, and Tariffs for Generation Service, Case Nos. 11-3549-EL-SSO, et al., approving the stipulation filed by various parties. Among other terms, the stipulation provided that Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke) would file, in a separate proceeding, an application for approval of a distribution revenue decoupling mechanism to adjust rates between rate cases, with all parties retaining their rights to due process in such proceeding.
- (2) On December 8, 2011, Duke filed its application, along with supporting testimony, requesting approval of rider distribution decoupling (Rider DDR). In its application, Duke explains that the decoupling mechanism contained in Rider DDR will remove Duke's incentive to sell energy, but will not apply to customers served under rates for service at secondary distribution voltage, service at primary distribution voltage, and service at transmission voltage.
- (3) In order to facilitate a thorough review of Duke's application, the attorney examiner finds that the following procedural schedule should be established:
  - (a) February 16, 2012 Deadline for the filing of motions to intervene.
  - (b) February 23, 2012 Deadline for the filing of comments on the application by Staff and intervenors.
  - (c) March 22, 2012 Deadline for the filing of reply comments by all parties.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the procedural schedule set forth in finding (3) be observed. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon all interested persons of record in this case.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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