

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Duke )  
Energy Ohio, Inc. for Approval to ) Case No. 12-817-EL-RDR  
Establish the Initial Level of Rider )  
RECON. )

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission 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 establish a reconciliation rider (Rider RECON), which is designed to true-up Duke's price-to-compare fuel and purchased power rider (Rider PTC-FPP) and system reliability tracker rider (Rider PTC-SRT), both of which expired on December 31, 2011. The purpose of Rider RECON is to recover the collective balance of any over- or under-recovery in both of these riders. Once the balances in Riders PTC-FPP and PTC-SRT are resolved, Rider RECON will expire.
- (2) On February 29, 2012, Duke filed an application to establish the initial level of Rider RECON, along with supporting testimony. In its application, Duke explains that the total amount it is currently seeking to recover through Rider RECON is \$427,144.89, which will amount to a \$0.000149 per kilowatt hour charge. Duke will apply to update Rider RECON again once the final audits of Riders PTC-FPP and PTC-SRT have concluded.
- (3) On March 26, 2012, Staff filed its review and recommendations in this docket recommending that the Commission approve the application filed by Duke on February 29, 2012. Staff recommended that the proposed Rider RECON rate be approved and become effective on a bills-rendered basis with the first billing cycle in April.

- (4) The Commission finds that the proposed rate for Duke's Rider RECON, as filed on February 29, 2012, does not appear to be unjust or unreasonable, and should be approved. Therefore, the Commission finds that it is unnecessary to hold a hearing in this matter.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the application filed by Duke on February 29, 2012, be approved. It is, further,

ORDERED, That Duke be authorized to file in final form four complete copies of the tariff pages consistent with this finding and order and to cancel and withdraw its superseded tariff pages. Duke shall file one copy in its TRF docket (or may make such filing electronically as directed in Case No. 06-900-AU-WVR) and one copy in this docket. The remaining two copies shall be designated for distribution to the Rates and Tariffs, Energy and Water Division of the Commission's Utilities Department. It is, further,


ORDERED, That the effective date of the new tariff shall be a date not earlier than the date of this finding and order and the date upon which four complete printed copies of final tariffs are filed with the Commission. It is, further,

ORDERED, That Duke shall notify all affected customers via a bill message or via a bill insert within 30 days of the effective date of the tariffs. A copy of the customer notice shall be submitted to the Commission's Service Monitoring and Enforcement Department, Reliability and Service Analysis Division, at least 10 days prior to its distribution to customers. It is, further,

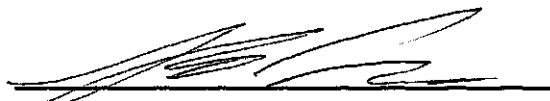
ORDERED, That nothing in this finding and order shall be binding upon this Commission in any future proceeding or investigation involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule, or regulation. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this finding and order be served upon all parties of record.

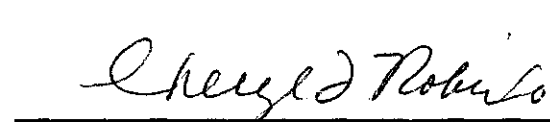
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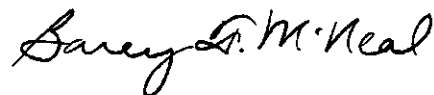
  
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