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VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

March 11, 2013

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Docketing – 13th Floor
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43255-0573

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Re: In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for an Increase in Gas Rates,
Case No. 12-1685-GA-AIR

In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Tariff Approval,
Case No. 12-1686-GA-ATA

In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Approval of an
Alternative Rate Plan for Gas Distribution Service, Case No. 12-1687-GA-ALT

In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Approval to Change
Accounting Methods, Case No. 12-1688-GA-AAM

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find the original newspaper notices and affidavits from the following newspaper publishers verifying publication of Duke Energy Ohio's public hearings:

<u>Newspaper</u>	<u>Publication Dates</u>
The Peoples Defender – Adams County	January 30 & February 6, 2013
The Register Herald – Preble County	February 6 & February 13, 2013

Electronic copies of these notices and affidavits were filed with this Commission February 19, 2013.

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.

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Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristen Cocanougher".

Kristen Cocanougher

cc: Parties of Record

EATON REGISTER HERALD

DUKE ENERGY-ELECTRIC
DIANNE KUHNELL
139 E 4TH ST
CINCINNATI OH 45201

REFERENCE: 39618
2361876 LEGAL-PUBLIC NOTICE

BEFORE ME A NOTARY PUBLIC, PERSONALLY APPEARED

Teresa S. Ketring *Asst. Bookkeeping*

NAME (PLEASE PRINT) TITLE

NEWSPAPER NAME: REGISTER HERALD

ADDRESS: 200 EATON LEWISBURG RD.

EATON, OH 45320

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STATE OF: OHIO
COUNTY OF: PREBLE

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13th DAY OF *Feb*, 20*13*

Barbara D. Wilson
NOTARY PUBLIC SIGNATURE

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) has scheduled local public hearings in Case Nos. 12-1682-EL-AIR, 12-1683-EL-ATA, and 12-1684-EL-AAM, in the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for an Increase in its Electric Distribution Rates, for Tariff Approval, and for Approval to Change Accounting Methods (Electric Rate Case) and Case Nos. 12-1685-GA-AIR, 12-1686-GA-ATA, 12-1687-GA-ALT, and 12-1688-GA-AAM, in the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for an Increase in its Natural Gas Distribution Rates, for Tariff Approval, for Approval of an Alternative Rate Plan for Gas Distribution Service, and for Approval to Change Accounting Methods (Gas Rate Case). These local hearings are scheduled for the purpose of providing an opportunity for interested members of the public to testify in these proceedings. The local hearings will be held at the following times and locations: February 19, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., at the Fairfield Township Administrative Building, 6032 Morris Road, Hamilton, Ohio 45011; February 20, 2013 at 6:30 p.m., at the Union Township Civic Center Hall, 4350 Aicholtz Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45245; February 25, 2013, 6:30 p.m., at the City Building, City Council Chambers, Lower Level, 1 Donham Plaza, Middletown, Ohio 45042; and February 28, 2013, 12:30 p.m., at Cincinnati City Hall, Council Chambers, 801 Plum Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. The evidentiary hearing will commence on March 25, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, Hearing Room 11-A, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

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- (a) Revenue requirements as impacted by rate base, operating income, and rate of return.
- (b) Establishment of a facilities relocation and transportation tariff and rider.
- (c) Establishment of a deferral mechanism to track storm costs.
- (d) Amortization of the balance of the regulatory assets.

In the Gas Rate Case, Duke seeks a rate increase that would generate approximately \$44,607,929 of additional revenue, or an increase of 18.09 percent over current revenue. Upon review, the staff of the Commission recommends a revenue decrease from current revenue of between \$10,725,809 and \$3,358,775, or a decrease from current revenue of between 2.80 and 0.88 percent. The major issues in the Gas Rate Case include:

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- (e) Continuation of its grid modernization initiative and rider.
- (f) Continuation of deferral authority for, and recovery of manufactured gas plant cleanup costs.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793, the Commission's hotline at 1-800-686-7826 or the PUCO website at <http://www.puc.state.oh.us>.

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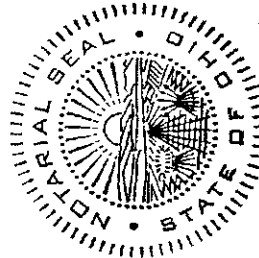
WEST UNION PEOPLES DEFENDER

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REFERENCE: 39618
2361279 PUBLIC NOTICE

LEE HUFFMAN BEING DULY SWORN THAT HE IS THE
PUBLISHER OF THE PEOPLE'S DEFENDER, A NEWSPAPER
PRINTED AND IN GENERAL CIRCULATION IN SAID COUNTY,
AND THAT A NOTICE, OF WHICH THE ANNEXED IS A TRUE
COPY, WAS PUBLISHED IN SAID PAPER ON WEDNESDAY OF
EACH WEEK FOR 2 CONSECUTIVE WEEKS BEGINNING
ON THE 30 DAY OF January, 2013

PRINTERS FEE: Lee Huffman \$202.50
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, THIS 15 DAY
OF February, 2013



PEGGY NISWANDER
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of Ohio
My Commission Exp. April 14, 2013
Adams County, Ohio

Peggy Niswander

PUBLISHED ON: 01/30 02/06

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(Wed., Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 2013)