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RE: *In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. to Adjust and Set its Electric Uncollectible Recovery Rate Under Rider UE-GEN.*

Dear Docketing Division:

Enclosed please find the Staff's Review and Recommendation in regards to the application filed by Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. in Case No. 13-1510-EL-UEX.

Sincerely,

Tamara S. Turkenton
Chief, Accounting & Electricity Division
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Enclosure
cc: Parties of Record

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Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.
Case No. 13-1510-EL-UEx

SUMMARY

On June 26, 2013, Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. filed an annual update to its electric uncollectible rider, Rider UE-GEN.

The Company makes annual filings to Rider UE-GEN in order to true-up the rider to reflect actual uncollectible experience. The current rates, as established in Case No. 12-1963-EL-UEx, are \$0.000813 per kWh for residential customers and \$0.60 per bill for non-residential customers. In this filing, Duke is reducing its rates, proposing to charge residential customers \$0.000601 per kWh and non-residential customers \$0.46 per bill.

STAFF REVIEW

Staff has completed its review of the filing. After examination of the information provided, Staff believes that the reduction as reflected by the proposed rates for both residential and non-residential customers is appropriate. Though the Company is making an effort to bring its uncollectible expense in line with its actual collections, Staff suggests that Duke review its forecast methodology to ensure that the projected data used in its calculation of the rider rates more closely reflects its actual experience.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that the rates as filed by Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for Rider UE-GEN be adopted by the Commission.