

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Duke)	
Energy Ohio, Inc., to Adjust Rider DR-IM)	Case No. 13-1141-GE-RDR
and Rider AU for 2012 SmartGrid Costs)	

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT OF
DIRECT ENERGY SERVICES, LLC AND DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS, LLC**

Pursuant to Rule 4901-1-13 of the Ohio Administrative Code, Direct Energy Services, LLC and Direct Energy Business, LLC (“Direct Energy”) moves for an extension of the current procedural schedule in this docket (“Motion”). Direct Energy also respectfully requests expedited treatment of its Motion. No party objects to expedited treatment of Direct Energy’s Motion. The reasons supporting the extension and expedited treatment are contained in the accompanying Memorandum in Support.

WHEREFORE, Direct Energy respectfully requests that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (“Commission”) grant this Motion and issue an amended procedural schedule on an expedited basis.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF EXTENSION AND EXPEDITED TREATMENT OF
DIRECT ENERGY SERVICES, LLC AND DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS, LLC**

On November 25, 2013, the Attorney Examiner established a revised procedural schedule, setting dates for the filing of testimony and an evidentiary hearing as follows:

1. Testimony on behalf of Staff and intervenors to be filed by December 16, 2013.
2. Supplemental testimony from Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. ("Duke") by January 10, 2013.
3. An evidentiary hearing beginning on January 21, 2014.

For the reasons set forth below, Direct Energy requests the Commission amend the procedural schedule as follows:

1. Testimony on behalf of Staff and intervenors to be filed by January 10, 2014.
2. Supplemental testimony from Duke by January 29, 2014.
3. An evidentiary hearing beginning on February 4, 2014. The Parties request the hearing begin at 9:00 a.m. as the Parties are hopeful the hearing can be concluded in one day.

The Parties have been actively involved in productive settlement negotiations. However, more time is needed to discuss potential settlement and to discuss issues that may be reserved for litigation. Accordingly, Direct Energy respectfully requests amendments to the procedural schedule as described above which will allow the Parties to focus their efforts on settlement negotiations.

WHEREFORE, Direct Energy respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Motion and issue the proposed amended procedural schedule on an expedited basis.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing Motion to Intervene of Direct Energy Services, LLC and Direct Energy Business, LLC was served this 12th day of December, 2013 by electronic mail delivery upon the persons listed below.

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