

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Duke       )  
Energy Ohio, Inc., for Authority to Add a       )  
New Program to its Energy Efficiency       )  
Portfolio.    )  
Case No. 14-964-EL-POR

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke) is a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02 and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) By Opinion and Order issued December 4, 2013, the Commission approved a stipulation and recommendation filed in *In re Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.*, Case No. 13-431-EL-POR, thus, adopting the portfolio of energy efficiency and peak-demand reduction programs and measures in the application, as modified by the stipulation.
- (3) On May 29, 2014, Duke filed an application, in accordance with Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-39, to add nonresidential energy efficiency program, Small Business Energy Saver (SBES), to its portfolio. According to Duke, SBES will more effectively deliver measures that are already included in Duke's Nonresidential Smart Saver Prescriptive Program to small business customers that are a hard to reach segment of the nonresidential market. Duke explains that the SBES program will be managed by a program administrator, and will consist of a free energy assessment resulting in a customized proposal with improvement recommendations and eligible incentives provided upfront to offset the cost of measure installation. Duke believes the program will help alleviate the burden of implementing energy efficiency measures for this smaller business customer segment. In further support, Duke offers that the Duke Energy Community Collaborative agreed that Duke should seek approval to include this program in its portfolio. The projected annual program costs, excluding estimates for evaluation, measurement, and verification, for 2014, 2015, and 2016, are \$1,961,887, \$4,531,326, and \$5,467,536, respectively. Duke states that these costs will not exceed five

percent of the program budget. No party opposed the application.

- (4) Upon consideration of Duke's application to add SBES to its portfolio of energy efficiency and peak-demand reduction programs, the Commission finds that the proposal is reasonable and in the public interest, and should be approved.

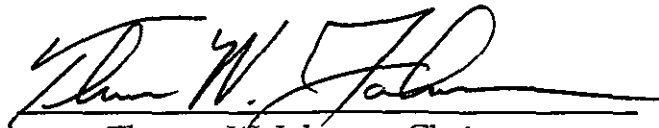
It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Duke's application to add SBES to its portfolio of energy efficiency and peak-demand reduction programs is approved. It is, further,

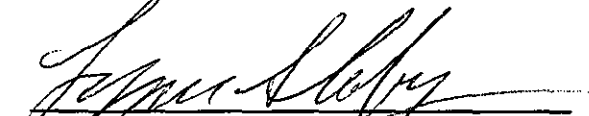
ORDERED, That nothing in this Finding and Order shall be binding upon the Commission in any future proceeding. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties of record.

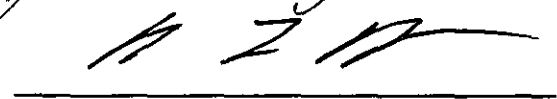
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