## **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

Energy Ohio, Inc. for Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for Authority to Establish a Standard Service Offer Pursuant to R.C. 4928.143 in the Form of an Electric Security Plan, Accounting Modifications, and Tariffs for Generation Service.	)))))	Case No. 14-841-EL-SSO
In the Matter of Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for Authority to Amend its Certified Supplier Tariff, P.U.C.O. No. 20.	)	Case No. 14-842-EL-ATA
In the Matter of the Procurement of Standard Service Offer Generation for Customers of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.	)	Case No. 15-6000-EL-UNC
In the Matter of the Informational Filings Authorized as Part of Duke Energy Ohio Inc.'s Standard Service Offer.	,	Case No. 15-6001-EL-RDR

## **ENTRY**

## The Commission finds:

- (1) Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke) is an electric utility as defined by R.C. 4928.01(A)(11) and an electric distribution utility as defined by R.C. 4928.01(A)(6).
- (2) R.C. 4928.141 provides that an electric distribution utility shall provide consumers within its certified territory a standard service offer (SSO) of all competitive retail electric services necessary to maintain essential electric service to customers, including firm supply of electric generation services, in accordance with R.C. 4928.142 or 4928.143.
- (3) By Opinion and Order issued April 2, 2015, in *In re Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.*, Case No. 14-841-EL-SSO, et al., (ESP 3 Case) the Commission approved Duke's application for an SSO in the form of an electric security plan (ESP), pursuant to R.C. 4928.141 and 4928.143, subject to the modifications set forth in

the Order. Among other things, the Order provided for Duke to secure the electric generation service necessary to maintain essential electric service for customers via a competitive bid process for the period of June 1, 2015, through May 31, 2018. In accordance with the Order, the first SSO auction is scheduled for May 14, 2015. In addition, the Order provided that the bidding process shall be conducted by an independent auction manager and that the Commission may retain a consultant to monitor the bidding process.

- (4) In addition, the application, as modified and approved in the ESP 3 Case, requires three types of filings during the term of the ESP:
  - (a) Auction-related filings, including the auction results and the reports.
  - (b) Informational filings, including filings related to riders where quarterly reports and true-ups are necessary and audits are conducted at the discretion of the Commission during the term of the ESP [e.g., Riders Supplier Cost Reconciliation (SCR), Retail Capacity (RC), Retail Energy (RE), and Load Factor Adjustment (LFA)].
  - (c) Filings related to riders where action is required, such as audits and true-ups [e.g., Riders Alternative Energy Recovery (AER-R), Uncollectible Expense Electric Generation (UE-GEN), Base Transmission (BTR), and Infrastructure Modernization (DR-IM)].
- (5) At this time, the Commission finds any future filings required by the Order in the *ESP 3 Case* related to the items listed in finding (4) should follow the process set forth below:
  - (a) Auction-related filings, including those set forth in finding (4)(a), above, should be made in *In Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.*, Case No. 15-6000-EL-UNC.
  - (b) Informational filings, including those set forth in finding (4)(b) above, should be made in *In re Duke Energy Ohio Inc.*, Case No. 15-6001-EL-RDR Informational filings pertaining to riders shall be

filed 30 days prior to the billing cycle in which the rider is to become effective. The Commission has the discretion to determine that some action, including an audit, may be necessary for these types of riders. In the event, in the future, the Commission finds it necessary to take action regarding one of these riders, the Commission will determine the appropriate process at that time and may require that filings be made in a separate docket.

- (c) A filing related to a rider where action is required, including a rider listed in finding (4)(c) above, should be made in a new rider docket, using the case code RDR. Duke should work with Staff to coordinate the opening of these dockets.
- (d) In the event there is a necessary filing that is not covered under finding (5)(a) through (c), above, Duke should work with Staff to determine the appropriate docket in which the filing should be made.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Duke comply with the directives set forth in finding (5). It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon each party of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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