

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Duke)	Case No. 14-1160-EL-UNC
Energy Ohio, Inc. for Approval of an)	Case No. 14-1161-EL-AAM
Advanced Meter Opt-Out Service Tariff.)	

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke) is a public utility as defined in R.C. 4928.02, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) On May 19, 2014, the Commission final filed with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) an amended rule in Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-10-05, with an effective date of May 29, 2014, that required electric utilities to file proposed advanced meter opt-out service tariffs.
- (3) On June 27, 2014, Duke filed an application in this case for approval of a proposed advanced meter opt-out service rider, the Rider Non-Standard Metering (Rider NSM), and requests accounting authority to 1) defer and recover costs associated with changes to the Company's billing and customer services systems in order to facilitate this new service; 2) defer and recover costs related to ongoing operations needed to integrate non-standard meters into the Company's systems; and 3) implement the Company's proposed tariff to permit customers to opt-out of receiving Duke's standard, advanced meters and employ non-standard, traditional meters.
- (4) Thereafter, on July 18, 2014, the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) filed a motion to intervene and a memorandum in support. OCC asserts that it has good cause to intervene in this proceeding because, pursuant to Duke's proposed tariffs, customers would be charged for electing to receive advanced meter opt-out service. No party filed a memorandum contra to OCC's motion to intervene. The attorney examiner finds that OCC's motion to intervene is reasonable and should be granted.

- (5) The attorney examiner finds that a procedural schedule should be adopted in this matter. Accordingly, the procedural schedule in this case shall be as follows:

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| (a) Intervention Deadline | September 4, 2015 |
| (b) Duke and Intervenor Testimony | September 18, 2015 |
| (c) Staff Testimony | October 2, 2015 |
| (d) Hearing | October 15, 2015 |

The hearing will commence at 10:00 a.m., on October 15, 2015, at the offices of the Commission, Hearing Room 11-C, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That OCC's motion to intervene be granted, in accordance with Finding (4). It is, further,

ORDERED, That a procedural schedule be adopted in this matter, in accordance with 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

s/Bryce McKenney

By: Bryce A. McKenney
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry granting OCC's motion to intervene and adopting a procedural schedule. - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Bryce McKenney, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio