

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Duke : Case No. 15-883-GE-RDR
Energy Ohio, Inc., to Adjust Rider DR- :
IM and Rider AU for 2014 Grid :
Modernization Costs.

**MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE AND REQUEST FOR
EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION**
SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In accordance with Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-13(A), the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (“Staff”) respectfully requests an extension of the procedural schedule. Staff requests this extension to allow more time to pursue settlement discussions with the parties. Counsel has spoken with all parties and they do not object to this motion. Staff requests expedited treatment pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-12(C). A memorandum in support is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

By entry dated October 8, 2015, the Commission adopted a procedural schedule in this case setting dates for the filing of testimony and an evidentiary hearing as follows:

- a) **December 9, 2015** – Deadline for Staff and intervenors to file testimony¹
- b) **December 16, 2015** – Deadline for Duke to file supplemental testimony
- c) **December 22, 2015** – Evidentiary hearing

For the reasons set forth below, Staff requests that the Commission amend the procedural schedule as follows:

- a) **January 6, 2015** – Deadline for Staff and intervenors to file testimony
- b) **January 13, 2015** – Deadline for Duke to file supplemental testimony
- c) **January 27, 2015** – Evidentiary hearing

Staff requests this extension because it would like more time to pursue a settlement among the parties. Counsel consulted with all parties in this proceeding and they do not object to this request for an extension. Due to the proximity of the upcoming filing deadline, Staff requests expedited treatment of this motion.

¹ The parties are not seeking to extend the time for filing comments or reply comments.

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I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing **Post-Hearing Brief** submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, was served by regular U.S. mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered, upon the following Parties of Record, this 7th day of December 2015.

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