

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. 15-883-GE-RDR
and Rider AU for 2014 SmartGrid Costs.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On June 4, 2015, Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke) filed an application to adjust Rider Distribution Reliability - Infrastructure Modernization and Rider Advanced Utility to allow for recovery of 2014 costs for SmartGrid deployment.
- (2) By Entry issued on October 8, 2015, the attorney examiner established a revised procedural schedule for this case. Under this schedule, testimony by Staff and intervenors is due on December 9, 2015; supplemental testimony by Duke is due on December 16, 2015; and an evidentiary hearing is scheduled for December 22, 2015.
- (3) On December 7, 2015, Staff filed a motion for an extension of the procedural schedule and a request for an expedited ruling. Staff requests an extension of time, until January 6, 2016, for the Staff and intervenors to file testimony; until January 13, 2016, for Duke to file supplemental testimony; and until January 27, 2016, for an evidentiary hearing. Staff requests this extension to allow more time to pursue settlement discussions with the parties. Further, Staff notes that its counsel has consulted with all parties in this proceeding and there are no objections to this request for an extension of the procedural schedule.
- (4) Upon consideration of Staff's motion, the attorney examiner finds that it is reasonable and should be granted. Accordingly, the parties should observe the following procedural schedule:
 - (a) January 6, 2016 - Deadline for the filing of Staff and intervenor testimony.
 - (b) January 13, 2016 - Deadline for Duke to file supplemental testimony.

- (c) January 27, 2016 – The hearing will commence at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 12th floor, Conference Room 1247, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.
- (5) In the event Duke comes to an agreement with some or all of the parties in this case on some or all of the facts or issues in this case, the attorney examiner finds it appropriate to set forth a schedule for the filing of such stipulations prior to the commencement of the hearing in this case. Accordingly, Duke must file any applicable stipulation, by 9:00 a.m., on January 26, 2016.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Staff's motion for an extension of the procedural schedule be granted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the procedural schedule set forth in Finding (4) be adopted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

s/ Kerry K. Sheets

By: Kerry K. Sheets
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry setting forth a procedural schedule; electronically filed by Vesta R Miller on behalf of Kerry K. Sheets, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio