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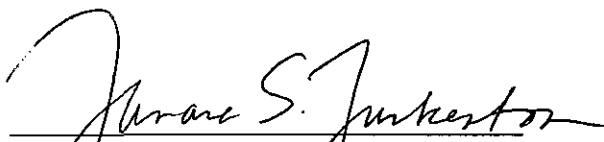
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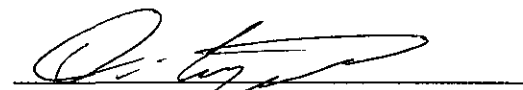
Docketing Division
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus OH 43215

RE: In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for Approval to Modify
Riders in Case No. 16-06-GA-RDR.

Dear Docketing Division:

Enclosed please find the Staff's Review and Recommendations in regard to the
application filed by Duke Energy Ohio seeking approval to modify riders in Case No.
16-06-GA-RDR.


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Enclosure
Cc: Parties of Record

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Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.
Case No. 16-06-GA-RDR

SUMMARY

On January 4, 2016 and amended on January 5, 2016, Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke) filed applications seeking to amend its Firm Balancing Service (FBS) and Enhanced Firm Balancing Service (EFBS) rates. Duke is seeking to amend its FBS and EFBS rates due to changes in the transportation and demand charges being billed to it by Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (TCO). The FBS and EFBS calculations are unchanged from those filed in prior cases, except for the new TCO charges, as shown on Exhibit 1 and 3. The FBS would decrease from \$0.194 to \$0.185 per Mcf, while the EFBS demand charge would increase from \$6.766 to \$6.980 per Dth and the commodity charge would decrease from \$0.016 to \$0.015 per Mcf, as shown on Exhibits 2 and 4.

The costs of the FBS and EFBS are recovered through Duke's gas cost recovery rider (GCR). Duke provides FBS and EFBS to its transportation customers with the revenue collected credited to its GCR.

STAFF REVIEW

Staff has reviewed the application filed in the above case and finds it to be reasonable and in the public interest.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff believes that the application filed by Duke is reasonable and should be approved.