THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF ITS ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND PEAK DEMAND REDUCTION PROGRAM PORTFOLIO PLAN.

CASE NO. 16-576-EL-POR

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on November 14, 2016

- {¶ 1} Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-39 provides that the Commission establish a procedural schedule for energy efficiency and peak demand reduction program portfolio plans.
- $\{\P\ 2\}$ By Entry issued on October 26, 2016, the attorney examiner established a procedural schedule in this matter.
- {¶ 3} Thereafter, on November 10, 2016, a joint motion to extend the procedural schedule was filed by Staff, the Natural Resources Defense Council, Ohio Environmental Council, and the Environmental Law and Policy Center. They assert there is good cause to grant the joint motion because the parties remain engaged in settlement discussions regarding the issues in this proceeding. Additionally, since intervenor testimony would otherwise be due on November 14, 2016, they filed a request for expedited treatment.
- {¶ 4} Duke then filed a memorandum contra to the joint motion to extend the procedural schedule. Duke argues that it is prepared to move forward with hearing and that if settlement is possible, settlement negotiations can continue even after testimony is filed. Further, Duke notes that there is already a tight timeframe for conducting a hearing prior to the end of the year.

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{¶ 5} The attorney examiner finds that the joint motion to extend the procedural schedule is reasonable and should be granted, in part. The attorney examiner finds that the deadlines in the procedural schedule should each be extended by one week.

Accordingly, the following procedural schedule is hereby adopted:

November 21 Intervenor Testimony Due

November 23 Staff Testimony Due

December 5 Hearing

 $\{\P 6\}$ The evidentiary hearing is scheduled for December 5, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-C,

Columbus, Ohio 43215.

 $\{\P 7\}$ It is, therefore,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That a hearing be scheduled for December 5, 2016, at

10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Hearing

Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. It is, further,

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

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s/Bryce McKenney

By: Bryce A. McKenney Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry granting the joint motion to extend the procedural schedule and adopting said schedule in accordance with Paragraph 5. - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Bryce McKenney, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio