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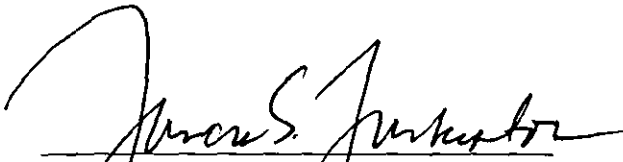
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RE: *In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for Approval of an Alternative Supplier for Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) Customers in Case No. 17-413-GA-UNC.*

Dear Docketing Division:

Enclosed please find the Staff's Review and Recommendations in regard to the application filed by Duke Energy Ohio seeking approval for an alternative supplier for its percentage of income payment plan (PIPP) customers in Case No. 17-413-GA-UNC.



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Enclosure

Cc: Parties of Record

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Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.

Case No. 17-413-GA-UNC

SUMMARY

On February 10, 2017, in Case No. 17-413-GA-UNC, Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke) filed an application requesting approval to select LE Energy LLC d/b/a Utility Gas and Power (Utility Gas and Power) as its alternative supplier for its percentage of income payment plan (PIPP) customers. Utility Gas and Power was selected from a list of bidders that responded to Duke's Request for Proposal (RFP). The RFP was electronically mailed to seventy-two active suppliers in its transportation service program, including an operational overview, a supply agreement, usage data and a bid form. Utility Gas and Power submitted a bid to supply gas for three years, with year 1 to be set at the NYMEX monthly closing price plus \$0.62 per dekatherm (per/Dth), then decreasing in year 2 and 3 to \$0.58 and \$0.56 per/Dth, respectively.

Duke also requests waiver that would allow it to exclude from its gas cost recovery mechanism (Ohio Administrative Code 4901:1-14) the volumes and costs received under its agreement with Utility Gas and Power.

STAFF REVIEW

Staff reviewed the application filed in the above case and finds Duke's request for authority to enter into an agreement with Utility Gas and Power as an alternative supplier for its PIPP customers is reasonable.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends to the Commission that the application filed by Duke to select Utility Gas and Power as an alternative supplier for its PIPP customers be approved.