

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC., FOR AN  
INCREASE IN ITS ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION  
RATES.

CASE NO. 17-32-EL-AIR

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC., FOR TARIFF  
APPROVAL.

CASE NO. 17-33-EL-ATA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC., FOR  
APPROVAL TO CHANGE ACCOUNTING  
METHODS.

CASE NO. 17-34-EL-AAM

### ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on April 26, 2017

#### I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission finds that Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.'s application for an increase in rates should be accepted for filing as of March 2, 2017.

#### II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Applicant or Duke) is an electric light company as defined by R.C. 4905.03(C) and a public utility as defined by R.C. 4905.02 and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission pursuant to R.C. 4905.04, 4905.05 and 4905.06.

{¶ 3} R.C. 4909.17, 4909.18, 4909.19, and 4909.43 enumerate the statutory requirements for an application to increase a public utility's electric base rates. The Commission adopted Ohio Adm.Code 4901-7-01 and its Appendix (Standard Filing Requirements) pursuant to R.C. 4901.13, 4909.04(C), and 4909.18. The Standard Filing Requirements specify the format for filing all information required in an application for an increase in rates and define the information which the Commission requires, pursuant to R.C. 4909.18(E).

{¶ 4} On January 31, 2017, Duke filed a notice of intent to file an application for an increase in rates, pursuant to R.C. 4909.43(B) and in compliance with Ohio Adm.Code 4901-7-01, Appendix A, Chapter I of the Commission's Standard Filing Requirements. Concurrently, Duke also filed a motion to set a test period and date certain, and for a waiver of certain filing requirements. By Entry issued on February 23, 2017, and amended on March 1, 2017, the Commission approved Duke's test year and date certain and granted waivers for the filing of certain documents required by the Standard Filing Requirements.

{¶ 5} On March 2, 2017, Duke filed its application seeking Commission authority to increase its rates for electric distribution service pursuant to R.C. 4909.18, 4909.19, and 4909.43, and the Standard Filing Requirements. Thereafter, on March 21, 2017, as requested by Staff, Duke filed a revised Schedule B-2.2 and a revised Schedule B-3.1

{¶ 6} The Commission finds that Duke's application meets the requirements of R.C. 4909.17 to 4909.19 and the Standard Filing Requirements. As such, the Commission finds that the application shall be accepted as of the filing date of March 2, 2017.

{¶ 7} Further, the Commission finds that Duke's proposed notice for publication, set forth in its application, complies with the requirements of Ohio Adm.Code 4901-7-01, Appendix A, Chapter II, (B)(7), and should be approved. Accordingly, Duke shall begin publication of the newspaper notice, pursuant to R.C. 4909.19, within thirty days of the date of this Entry and such notice shall not appear in the legal notices section of the newspaper.

### III. ORDER

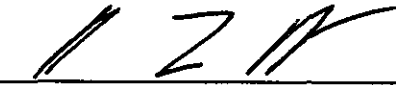
{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That the application for an increase in rates filed by Duke be accepted for filing as of March 2, 2017. It is, further,

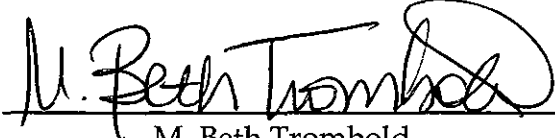
{¶ 10} ORDERED, That the proposed newspaper notice submitted by Duke be approved for publication. It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

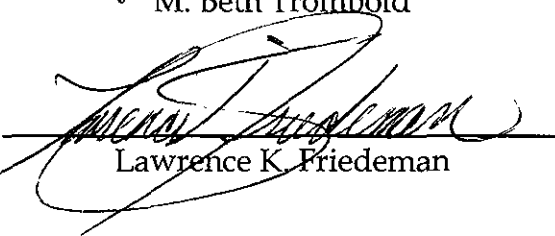
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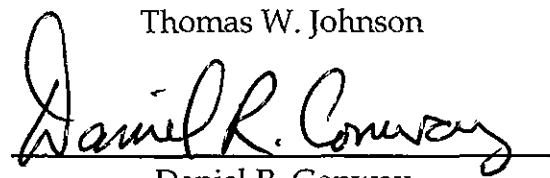


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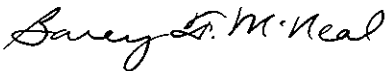


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