

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE REVIEW
OF DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.'S
ALTERNATIVE ENERGY RECOVERY
RIDER FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1,
2016, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016.

CASE NO. 15-1854-EL-RDR

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on July 13, 2017

{¶ 1} Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke) is an electric distribution utility and a public utility as defined by R.C. 4928.01(A)(6) and R.C. 4905.02, respectively. As such, it is subject to this Commission's jurisdiction.

{¶ 2} On November 22, 2011, the Commission approved a stipulation that, among other things, provided for the implementation by Duke of an Alternative Energy Recovery Rider (Rider AER-R). *In re Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.*, Case No. 11-3549-EL-SSO, et al., Opinion and Order (Nov. 22, 2011). In accordance with the stipulation, through Rider AER-R, Duke may recover the costs it incurs in complying with the alternative energy portfolio standard requirements of R.C. 4928.64, et seq. Rider AER-R is filed quarterly and is subject to true-up and annual audits. The rider was continued, without modifications, in *In re Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.*, Case No. 14-841-EL-SSO, et al., Opinion and Order (Apr. 2, 2015).

{¶ 3} On November 18, 2015, the Commission directed Staff to issue a request for proposal for auditing services associated with Rider AER-R. On January 13, 2016, the Commission selected Larkin & Associates PLLC (Larkin) to perform the auditing services. The auditing services consisted of a two-audit cycle, with the first audit reviewing the Rider AER-R in place from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015, and the second reviewing the Rider AER-R in place during the 2016 calendar year.

{¶ 4} On December 21, 2016, the Commission issued a Finding and Order that adopted the findings outlined in the audit report filed on May 16, 2016, with modifications. Additionally, the Commission established a timeline for the second audit and set April 17, 2017, as the filing date for the final audit report.

{¶ 5} On May 2, 2017, having timely secured an extension of the original deadline, Larkin filed the management/performance and financial audit report on Duke's Rider AER-R for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

{¶ 6} The attorney examiner now finds it appropriate to invite interested stakeholders to file comments regarding the content of the Rider AER-R audit report. The applicable procedure schedule shall be as follows:

- (a) Motions to intervene shall be filed by August 10, 2017.
- (b) Comments shall be filed by August 10, 2017.
- (c) Reply comments shall be filed by August 23, 2017.

{¶ 7} It is, therefore,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That the procedural schedule set forth in Paragraph 6 be adopted.
It is, further,

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

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s/Patricia Schabo

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry setting forth a procedural schedule in accordance with Paragraph 6. - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Patricia Schabo, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio