

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC., FOR
APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RELIABILITY
STANDARDS.

CASE NO. 16-1602-EL-ESS

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on September 18, 2017

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

{¶ 2} Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-10-10(B)(2) requires each electric utility in Ohio to file with the Commission an application to establish company-specific reliability standards. The rule requires that the application include: a proposed methodology for establishing reliability standards; a proposed company-specific reliability performance standard for each service reliability index based on the proposed methodology; and supporting justification for the proposed methodology and each resulting performance standard.

{¶ 3} On July 22, 2016, Duke filed an application to establish new reliability standards pursuant to the requirements of Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-10-10. Consequently, and also consistent with Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-10-10, the attorney examiner set forth a procedural schedule establishing a technical conference on February 2, 2017, and setting a commenting period. Thereafter, the technical conference was held, as scheduled, on February 2, 2017. Additionally, Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) filed comments on February 22, 2017, Staff filed a review and recommendation on March 6, 2017, and OCC and Duke each filed reply comments on March 24, 2017. Lastly, by Entry issued August 3, 2017, the attorney examiner scheduled a hearing date of September 26, 2017.

{¶ 4} On September 8, 2017, Duke filed a motion to continue the hearing date. For cause, Duke represents that a continuance would allow additional time for the parties to pursue settlement. Duke also explains that current storm response efforts have rendered principle subject matter experts unavailable as personnel and resources are diverted to meet emergency circumstances. Finally, Duke indicates that OCC does not oppose the motion.

{¶ 5} On September 13, 2017, Staff filed a memorandum contra Duke's motion. Therein, Staff states that it does not oppose the request for a continuance, but it does submit that the 2016 reliability standards established in Case No. 13-1539-EL-ESS should remain in effect until such time as the Commission orders otherwise. In other words, Staff suggests that Duke should continue to monitor and maintain its system in compliance with the 2016 standards.

{¶ 6} Upon review, the attorney examiner finds that good cause supports Duke's motion for a continuance. Accordingly, the hearing in this matter shall commence on December 7, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11C on the 11th Floor of the Commission's offices, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus 43215-3793. Additionally, the attorney examiner agrees that the 2016 reliability standards should remain in effect until such time as the Commission orders otherwise.

{¶ 7} It is, therefore,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That Duke's motion for a continuance be granted. It is, further,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That the evidentiary hearing be held on December 7, 2017, as set forth in Paragraph 6. It is, further,

{¶ 10} 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 granting Duke's motion for a continuance and scheduling the evidentiary hearing for 12/07/2017 in accordance with Paragraph 6. - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Patricia Schabo, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio