BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Authority to Establish a Standard Service Offer Pursuant to Section 4928.143, Revised Code, in the Form of an Electric Security Plan, Accounting Modifications and Tariffs for Generation Service.	:	Case No. 17-1263-EL-SSO
In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Authority to Amend its Certified Supplier Tariff, P.U.C.O. No. 20.	:	Case No. 17-1264-EL-ATA
In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Authority to Defer Vegetation Management Costs.	:	Case No. 17-1265-EL-AAM

UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF THE PUBLIC UTLITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

The Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Staff"), pursuant to Rules 4901-1-12 and 4901-1-13 of the Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), respectfully requests an extension of the procedural schedule reflected in the November 6, 2017 Attorney Examiner Entry. Staff also requests that the Commission grant its motion on an expedited basis pursuant to O.A.C. 4901-1-12(C) and certifies that no party objects to the issuance of an immediate ruling or to the requested extension. The reasons for this motion are set forth more fully in the attached memorandum.

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

On June 1, 2017, Duke submitted an application for approval of a proposed electric security plan for its standard service offer of electric generation supply, in the above-captioned proceeding. By entry dated November 6, 2017, the Commission adopted a new procedural schedule for the filing of testimony and an evidentiary hearing as follows:

1. Testimony on behalf of intervenors is to be filed by November 15, 2017.
2. Testimony on behalf of Staff is to be filed by November 22, 2017.
3. The evidentiary hearing is to begin on November 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

For the reasons set forth below, Staff requests an extension of the current procedural schedule which would amend the procedural schedule as follows:

1. Testimony on behalf of intervenors is to be filed by November 29, 2017.
2. Testimony on behalf of Staff is to be filed by December 6, 2017.
3. The evidentiary hearing is to begin on December 11, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

All of the parties have met to discuss settlement. Staff respectfully requests an extension as described above in order to facilitate continuing settlement discussions and further explore whether a partial or complete settlement may be reached. If a partial or complete Stipulation and Recommendation ("Stipulation") is filed by two or more parties before December 11, 2017, then Staff requests that the Attorney Examiner further modify

the above procedural schedule at that time in order to accommodate the preparation of testimony in support of the Stipulation, possible preparation of testimony in opposition to the Stipulation, and the parties' preparation for hearing. If for some reason no Stipulation is filed prior to the rescheduled hearing date, the evidentiary hearing will commence with the first witness on December 11, 2017.

O.A.C. 4901-1-12(C) allows a party to request that the Commission consider a motion on an expedited basis. No party opposes the motion for extension and request for immediate ruling. Accordingly, Staff respectfully requests an expedited ruling for the extension of the procedural schedule.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the Motion for Extension has been served upon the below-named counsel via electronic mail, this 9th day of November, 2017.

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