

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 November 29, 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 18, 2017, the attorney examiner granted Duke's September 8, 2017 motion for a continuance and extended the hearing date to December 7, 2017. The attorney examiner found that 2016 reliability standards should remain in effect until such time as the Commission orders otherwise.

{¶ 5} On November 28, 2017, Staff filed a motion to continue the hearing date. Specifically, Staff requests that the hearing date be extended by 30 days. Staff maintains that settlement discussions are ongoing and the parties would benefit from additional time. According to Staff, the motion is unopposed.

{¶ 6} The attorney examiner finds good cause exists to grant Staff's motion. Accordingly, the evidentiary hearing should begin on January 16, 2018, 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.

{¶ 7} It is, therefore,

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

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That the evidentiary hearing be held on January 16, 2018, 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/Stacie Cathcart

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry granting Staff's motion for continuance and scheduling the evidentiary hearing for 01/16/2018 as set forth in Paragraph 6. - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Stacie Cathcart, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio