

## 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 January 4, 2018

{¶ 1} Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke) is an electric light company and public utility as defined by R.C. 4905.03(C) and R.C. 4905.02, respectively. As such, Duke is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to R.C. 4905.04, 4905.05, and 4905.06.

{¶ 2} On March 2, 2017, Duke filed applications for an increase in electric distribution rates, for approval of tariff modifications, and for approval of changes in certain accounting methods.

{¶ 3} Staff conducted an investigation and filed its report on September 26, 2017. A supplement to the report was filed on October 12, 2017.

{¶ 4} By Entry issued September 28, 2017, the attorney examiner issued a procedural schedule. Since that time, the procedural schedule has been extended multiple times. In an Entry issued December 18, 2017, the attorney examiner granted Staff's motion to extend the procedural schedule and established that all pre-filed testimony from Duke and any intervenors should be filed by January 16, 2018, and the evidentiary hearing should begin on January 29, 2018.

{¶ 5} On January 3, 2018, Staff filed a motion requesting a continuance of the procedural schedule. Specifically, Staff requests that the date for all pre-filed testimony be extended until February 12, 2018, and the date of the evidentiary hearing be extended until February 26, 2018. 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, all pre-filed testimony for Duke and intervenors should be filed by February 12, 2018, and the evidentiary hearing should begin on February 26, 2018. Rebuttal testimony will be scheduled at the conclusion of the hearing.

{¶ 7} It is, therefore,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That Staff's motion for an extension of the procedural schedule be granted. It is, further,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That the procedural schedule be extended in accordance with 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 an extension of the procedural schedule and extending the procedural schedule in accordance with Paragraph 6. - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Stacie Cathcart, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio