

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 February 15, 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 January 31, 2018, 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 February 26, 2018, and the evidentiary hearing should begin on March 12, 2018.

{¶ 5} On February 14, 2018, Staff filed a motion requesting a suspension of the procedural schedule. Staff maintains that the parties continue to meet and that settlement discussions are ongoing, but the parties would benefit from additional time. According to Staff, the parties commit to file a settlement in the docket or file a notice indicating that settlement efforts have concluded. Staff asserts the motion is unopposed.

{¶ 6} The attorney examiner finds good cause exists to grant Staff's motion. If a resolution has not been reached by March 9, 2018, the parties are directed to file a status update informing the Commission on the progress of settlement discussions. Accordingly, the procedural schedule should be suspended.

{¶ 7} It is, therefore,

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

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

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s/Stacie Cathcart

By: Stacie E. Cathcart
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry granting Staff's motion for a suspension of the procedural schedule electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Stacie Cathcart, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio