

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE REVIEW OF DUKE  
ENERGY OHIO, INC.'S DISTRIBUTION  
CAPITAL INVESTMENT RIDER.

CASE NO. 17-1118-EL-RDR

### ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on August 1, 2018

{¶ 1} Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke) is an electric distribution utility (EDU) as defined in R.C. 4928.01(A)(6) and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 2} Pursuant to the directives of R.C. 4928.143(F), the Commission is required to evaluate the earnings of each electric utility's approved electric security plan to determine whether the plan or offer produces significantly excessive earnings for the electric utility.

{¶ 3} R.C. 4928.141 provides that an EDU shall provide consumers within its certified territory a standard service offer (SSO) of all competitive retail electric services necessary to maintain essential electric services to customers, including a firm supply of electric generation services. The SSO may be either a market rate offer in accordance with R.C. 4928.142 or an electric security plan (ESP) in accordance with R.C. 4928.143.

{¶ 4} On April 2, 2015, the Commission modified and approved an application for an ESP filed by Duke for the period June 1, 2015, through May 31, 2018. *In re Duke Energy Ohio*, Case No. 14-841-EL-SSO, et al., Opinion and Order (Apr. 2, 2015). In the Opinion and Order, the Commission established a distribution capital investment (DCI) rider to allow for the recovery of capital costs for distribution infrastructure investments. The rider is to be reviewed annually for accounting accuracy, prudence, and compliance with the Commission's Order. Further, the Commission found that a compliance audit of the DCI rider is to be completed annually to ensure conformance with the Opinion and Order. Pursuant to the Opinion and Order, comments regarding the audit are to be filed within 120 days of the filing and if the issues raised in the audit are not resolved within 150 days, then the matter is to be set for hearing.

{¶ 5} On June 7, 2017, the Commission ordered Staff to issue the Request for Proposal (RFP) for audit services. On July 12, 2017, the Commission selected Rehmann Consulting to perform the audit. Thereafter, on November 28, 2017, Rehmann Consulting filed its compliance audit of Rider DCI.

{¶ 6} On April 30, 2018, the attorney examiner granted Staff's motion for a continuance of the procedural schedule.

{¶ 7} Thereafter, on June 22, 2018, a stipulation and recommendation between Duke and Staff was filed in the docket that purports to resolve all of the issues in the case. The Ohio Consumers' Counsel signed the stipulation as a non-opposing party.

{¶ 8} Accordingly, this matter should be set for hearing on August 7, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-D, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793. Testimony in support of the stipulation should be filed by August 6, 2018.

{¶ 9} It is, therefore,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That a hearing be scheduled in accordance with Paragraph 8. It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

s/Stacie Cathcart

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