#### **BEFORE**

#### THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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# NOTICE OF APPEARANCE AND COMMENTS Of OHIO PARTNERS FOR AFFORDABLE ENERGY

## I. Notice of Appearance

Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy, in accordance with Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-08, hereby provides notice of the appearance of Christopher J. Allwein, as additional counsel for Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy (OPAE). Colleen Mooney shall continue as counsel of record for OPAE. Accordingly, service of documents and other matters should be directed to Mr. Allwein in addition to Ms. Mooney.

#### **II.** Initial Comments

#### A. The Pike DSM Program within its service area should continue.

OPAE, through the work of its member agencies, has completed several jobs in Pike's service area since the program's inception. From January 2017 through May of 2018, OPAE completed 25 projects. The work completed as a part these projects is an important part of serving Ohio's most vulnerable customers, especially those in Appalachia. OPAE is in the process of compiling comprehensive savings data, which it

plans to report to the Commission on this docket, as a part of resuming the submission of an annual report for this program..

# B. OPAE supports obtaining agreements with property owners that will provide a way for renters to participate in the program.

OPAE has been working with Pike to make changes to the program that will allow additional units to be completed, including those units where the customer rents, rather than owns, the property. The basic outline of such an agreement will be presented by Pike in its initial comments. The details of such an agreement will be worked out and agreed upon by OPAE and Pike, and will become a part of the program as it continues.

#### **III.** Conclusion

Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy urges the Commission to continue the Pike DSM program. The program will be expanded to include rental units, and reporting on savings data will be compiled and reported.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy *Initial*Comments shall be served on the persons stated below via electronic transmission, this 29h day of August, 2018.

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