

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC., FOR AN
INCREASE IN 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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC., FOR APPROVAL
TO MODIFY RIDER PSR.**

CASE No. 17-872-EL-RDR

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC., FOR APPROVAL
TO AMEND RIDER PSR.**

CASE No. 17-873-EL-ATA

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC., FOR APPROVAL
TO CHANGE ACCOUNTING METHODS.**

CASE No. 17-874-EL-AAM

**IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION OF DUKE
ENERGY OHIO, INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO
ESTABLISH A STANDARD SERVICE OFFER
PURSUANT TO R.C. 4928.143 IN THE FORM
OF AN ELECTRIC SECURITY PLAN,
ACCOUNTING MODIFICATIONS, AND
TARIFFS FOR GENERATION SERVICE.**

CASE No. 17-1263-EL-SSO

**IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION OF DUKE
ENERGY OHIO, INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO
AMEND ITS CERTIFIED SUPPLIER TARIFF,
P.U.C.O. No. 20.**

CASE No. 17-1264-EL-ATA

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC., FOR
AUTHORITY TO DEFER VEGETATION
MANAGEMENT COSTS.**

CASE No. 17-1265-EL-AAM

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC., TO ESTABLISH
MINIMUM RELIABILITY PERFORMANCE
STANDARDS PURSUANT TO OHIO
ADM.CODE CHAPTER 4901:1-10.

CASE NO. 16-1602-EL-ESS

ENTRY ON REHEARING

Entered in the Journal on February 6, 2019

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission grants the applications for rehearing of the December 19, 2018 Opinion and Order, filed by the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, Interstate Gas Supply, the Retail Energy Supply Association, and, collectively, the Environmental Law & Policy Center, Sierra Club, Ohio Environmental Council, Environmental Defense Fund, and Natural Resources Defense Council, for the limited purpose of further consideration of the matters specified in the applications for rehearing.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke or the Company) is an electric distribution utility as defined in R.C. 4928.01(A)(6) and a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 3} On April 13, 2018, Duke and certain parties filed a stipulation and recommendation (Stipulation) that purported to resolve issues in four pending cases. The cases included in the Stipulation are:

- *In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for an Increase in Electric Distribution Rates*, Case 17-32-EL-AIR, et al. (Rate Case);
- *In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Approval to Modify Rider PSR*, Case No. 17-872-EL-RDR, et al. (PSR Case);

- *In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Authority to Establish a Standard Service Offer, Case No. 17-1263-EL-SSO, et al. (ESP Case); and*
- *In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., to Establish Minimum Reliability Performance Standards, Case No. 16-1602-EL-ESS (Standards Case).*

The parties that signed the Stipulation are: Duke, Staff, the City of Cincinnati, Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy, Ohio Energy Group, Ohio Hospital Association, and People Working Cooperatively, Inc. Non-opposing signatories are the Kroger Company, Industrial Energy Users-Ohio, Ohio Manufacturers' Association Energy Group, and Wal-Mart Stores East LP and Sam's East, Inc.

{¶ 4} On December 19, 2018, the Commission issued an Opinion and Order that approved the Stipulation and thus resolved the Rate Case, the PSR Case, the ESP Case and the Standards Case.

{¶ 5} R.C. 4903.10 states that any party who has entered an appearance in a Commission proceeding may apply for rehearing with respect to any matters determined in that proceeding, by filing an application within 30 days after the entry of the order upon the journal of the Commission.

{¶ 6} On January 18, 2019, the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC); the Environmental Law & Policy Center, Sierra Club, Ohio Environmental Council, Environmental Defense Fund, and Natural Resources Defense Council (collectively, the Conservation Groups); Interstate Gas Supply (IGS); and Retail Energy Supply Association (RESA) filed applications for rehearing of the December 19, 2018 Opinion and Order. Duke filed a memorandum contra OCC, the Conservation Groups, IGS, and RESA's applications for rehearing on January 28, 2019. OCC filed a memorandum contra IGS's application for rehearing on January 28, 2019.

{¶ 7} The Commission finds that sufficient reason has been set forth by OCC, the Conservation Groups, IGS, and RESA to warrant further consideration of the matters

specified in the applications for rehearing. Accordingly, the applications for rehearing filed by OCC, the Conservation Groups, IGS, and RESA should be granted.

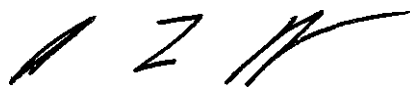
III. ORDER

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That the applications for rehearing filed by OCC, the Conservation Groups, IGS, and RESA be granted for further consideration of the matters specified in the applications for rehearing. It is, further,

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

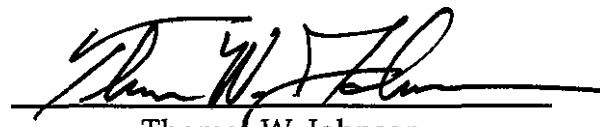
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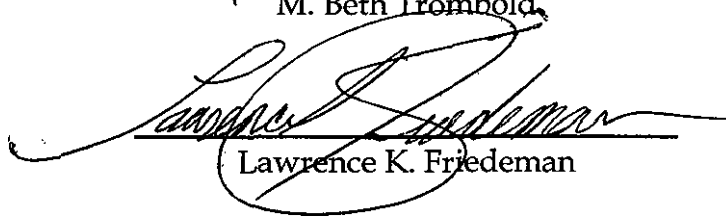
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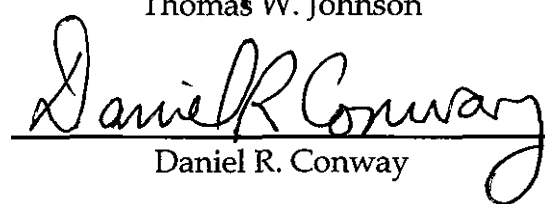
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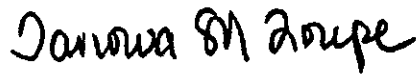
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