

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
OF DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC. TO  
ADJUST RIDER AU FOR 2018 GRID  
MODERNIZATION COSTS.

CASE NO. 19-664-GA-RDR

### ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on July 3, 2019

{¶ 1} Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke or the Company) is a natural gas company as defined in R.C. 4905.03 and a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 2} In Case No. 07-589-GA-AIR, et al., the Commission approved a stipulation and recommendation that, among other things, provided a process for the filing of Duke's deployment plans for the installation of an automated gas meter reading system, which would share the SmartGrid communications technology for the Company's electric system, and a method for recovering costs associated with the plans, which was designated Rider Advanced Utility (Rider AU). *In re Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.*, Case No. 07-589-GA-AIR, et al. (*Gas Distribution Rate Case*), Opinion and Order (May 28, 2008).

{¶ 3} On June 25, 2019, in the above-captioned case, Duke filed an application, along with supporting testimony, to adjust Rider AU for grid modernization deployment costs incurred in 2018, pursuant to the process approved in the *Gas Distribution Rate Case*.

{¶ 4} At this time, the attorney examiner finds that, in order to accomplish the review of Duke's proposed adjustments to Rider AU, the following procedural schedule should be established:

- (a) September 27, 2019 – Deadline for the filing of motions to intervene.

- (b) October 25, 2019 – Deadline for the filing of comments on the application by Staff and intervenors.
- (c) November 8, 2019 – Deadline for all parties to file reply comments.
- (d) November 22, 2019 – In the event all of the issues raised in the comments are not resolved, or if the Commission deems the application may be unjust or unreasonable, a hearing will be held, and Staff and intervenor testimony will be due on this date.
- (e) November 29, 2019 – Deadline for Duke to file supplemental testimony.
- (f) December 5, 2019 – In the event a hearing is deemed necessary, the hearing will commence at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

{¶ 5} In the event Duke comes to an agreement with some or all of the parties in this case on some or all of the facts or issues in this case, the attorney examiner finds it appropriate to set forth a schedule for the filing of such stipulations prior to the commencement of the hearing in this case. Accordingly, Duke must file any applicable stipulation by 9:00 a.m., on December 4, 2019.

{¶ 6} It is, therefore,

{¶ 7} ORDERED, That the procedural schedule set forth in Paragraph 4 be adopted. It is, further,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That the parties adhere to the process established in Paragraph 5. It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

s/Sarah Parrot

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry setting procedural schedule in accordance with Paragraph 4 and directing the parties to adhere to the process established in Paragraph 5 - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Sarah Parrot, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio