

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
OHIO POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF  
ITS ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND PEAK  
DEMAND REDUCTION PROGRAM  
PORTFOLIO PLAN FOR 2017 THROUGH 2020.

CASE No. 16-574-EL-POR

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC. FOR APPROVAL  
OF ITS 2017-2019 ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND  
PEAK DEMAND REDUCTION PROGRAM  
PORTFOLIO PLAN.

CASE No. 16-576-EL-POR

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
THE OHIO EDISON COMPANY, THE  
CLEVELAND ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING  
COMPANY, AND THE TOLEDO EDISON  
COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF THEIR  
ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND PEAK DEMAND  
REDUCTION PROGRAM PORTFOLIO PLANS  
FOR 2017 THROUGH 2019.

CASE No. 16-743-EL-POR

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
THE DAYTON POWER AND LIGHT  
COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS ENERGY  
EFFICIENCY AND PEAK DEMAND  
REDUCTION PROGRAM PORTFOLIO PLAN  
FOR 2018-2020.

CASE No. 17-1398-EL-POR

### ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on October 23, 2019

#### I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission requests comments from interested persons regarding the appropriate steps to be taken with respect to energy efficiency programs once the statewide cap of 17.5 percent, set by Am. Sub. House Bill 6, has been met.

#### II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Ohio Power Company, d/b/a AEP Ohio, Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., The Dayton Power and Light Company, the Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric

Illuminating Company, and The Toledo Edison Company are electric distribution utilities (EDUs) as defined in R.C. 4928.01(A)(6) and public utilities as defined in R.C. 4905.02 and, as such, are subject to the energy efficiency and peak demand reduction (EE/PDR) requirements under R.C. 4928.64 and 4928.66.

{¶ 3} Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-39 provides rules for the Commission's review of each electric utility's EE/PDR program portfolio plan (Portfolio Plan) that consists of cost-effective programs to encourage innovation and market access for all customer classes and achieve the statutory benchmarks for peak-demand reduction, and meet or exceed the statutory benchmarks for energy efficiency.

{¶ 4} Am. Sub. House Bill 6, (H.B. 6) which became effective on October 22, 2019, terminates Ohio's annual energy efficiency savings requirements on December 31, 2020, and reduces the total cumulative savings requirement to a statewide collective benchmark of 17.5 percent. R.C. 4928.66 (A)(1)(a), (G)(2)(a)

{¶ 5} The Staff has been tracking the EDUs' progress towards the collective benchmark and has been filing periodic reports in these dockets. In light of the progress being made towards the statutory cap of 17.5 percent, the Commission solicits comments from interested persons on: (1) whether the Commission should terminate the energy efficiency programs once the statutory cap of 17.5 percent has been met; and (2) whether it is appropriate for the EDUs to continue to spend ratepayer provided funds on energy efficiency programs after the statutory cap has been met. Comments should be filed in this docket no later than November 25, 2019.

### III. ORDER

{¶ 6} It is, therefore,

{¶ 7} ORDERED, That comments be filed in this docket on or before November 25, 2019. It is, further,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties and interested persons of record.

COMMISSIONERS:

*Approving:*

Sam Randazzo, Chairman

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Summary: Entry that the Commission requests comments from interested persons regarding the appropriate steps to be taken with respect to energy efficiency programs once the statewide cap of 17.5 percent, set by Am. Sub. House Bill 6, has been met electronically filed by Docketing Staff on behalf of Docketing