

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Review of Duke)	
Energy Ohio, Inc.'s Alternative Energy)	Case No. 19-0051-EL-RDR
Recovery Rider.)	

COMMENTS
SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

On August 28, 2019, the audit report of the Alternative Energy Recovery Rider (AER-R) of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (DEO or Company), prepared by Larkin & Associates PLLC (Larkin) for the 2017 and 2018 calendar years, was filed in Case No. 19-0051-EL-RDR. In general, the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Staff) agrees with the findings and recommendations presented in the audit report, and recommends that the Commission adopt Larkin's recommendations and require the next auditor to review their implementation. The Staff reserves the right to file reply comments on any specific findings or recommendations contested in other comments filed in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing **Comments** submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, was served via electronic mail upon the following Parties of Record, this 1st day of November, 2019.

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