

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Duke)	
Energy Ohio, Inc., for Approval of an)	Case No. 20-0569-GA-UNC
Alternate Supplier for Percentage of Income)	
Payment Plan Customers.)	

APPLICATION OF DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.

Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., (Duke Energy Ohio or Company) is an Ohio corporation engaged in the business of supplying natural gas to consumers in southwestern Ohio and is a public utility as defined by Section 4905.03 of the Ohio Revised Code (R.C.). Duke Energy Ohio seeks authority to enter into an agreement with LE Energy LLC d/b/a Utility Gas and Power (UGP) to provide competitive natural gas to Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) customers.

As a component of its gas choice program for residential and small commercial gas service customers, Duke Energy Ohio has developed a process to include customers who might otherwise be excluded from experiencing the benefits of a competitive natural gas market. These customers are participants in PIPP. The Commission approved this process for the year ended September 1, 2002, in an order dated September 13, 2001, in *In the Matter of the Application of The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company for Approval of an Alternative Supplier for the Percentage of Income Payment Plan Customer Class*, Case No. 01-2202-GA-UNC. The Commission's most recent approval of a provider of natural gas for the PIPP customer class was provided in a Finding and Order dated February 10, 2017, in *In the Matter of the Application of The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company for Approval of an Alternative Supplier for the Percentage of Income Payment Plan Customer Class*, Case No. 17-413-GA-UNC.

Duke Energy Ohio's Request for Proposal (RFP) process commenced on February 24, 2020, with the sending of notification by electronic mail to 175 suppliers active in its transportation service programs. The electronic mail included a cover letter, an operational overview, a supply agreement, usage data, and a bid form. Duke Energy Ohio requested proposals to deliver natural gas volumes to Duke Energy Ohio on behalf of the PIPP customer class for a one- to three-year period beginning April 1, 2020. Suppliers were asked to submit a bid based on an adder to the monthly NYMEX closing price, which would be used to determine the rate charged to the PIPP customers. Proposals were to be submitted to the company no later than 1:00 PM EST, on March 5, 2020.

Duke Energy Ohio received the following bids for the adder:

Name of Bidder	Term Proposed	Adder (per mmbtu)
Utility Gas & Power	April 2020 – March 2023	\$0.63
Utility Gas & Power	April 2020 – March 2022	\$0.66
Utility Gas & Power	April 2020 – March 2021	\$0.68
Infinite Energy	April 2020 – March 2021	\$0.782

Duke Energy Ohio recommends that the Commission approve the UGP bid for a three-year term. Based on an analysis of the past five years of Duke Energy Ohio's GCR rate, this bid will almost certainly result in lower costs for customers in the PIPP program. Whether or not these savings are actually realized will depend on the actual GCR rate experienced over the term.

Although Duke Energy Ohio will appropriately record the gas costs and revenues resulting from this customer class, as it does for all GCR transactions, Duke Energy Ohio requests waiver of any of the current provisions of O.A.C. Chapter 4901:1-14 that may not anticipate purchases that are specifically allocated for use by specific customer classes.

Therefore, Duke Energy Ohio respectfully requests that the Commission approve the selection of UGP as the bidder to supply gas to Duke Energy Ohio for the PIPP customer class and

authorize Duke Energy Ohio to treat the associated gas costs and revenues as consistent with
O.A.C. Chapter 4901:1-14.

Respectfully submitted,

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