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RE: *In the Matter of the Application of Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. for Approval of an Adjustment to its Energy Efficiency Funding Rider Rate, Case No. 20-640-GA-RDR.*

Enclosed please find the Staff's Comments regarding Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio's Energy Efficiency Rider balance reconciliation statement and rate proposal in Case No. 20-640-GA-RDR.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristin DuPree".

Kristin DuPree
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Enclosure
cc: Parties of Record

Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc.
Case No. 20-640-GA-RDR

OVERVIEW

On January 7, 2009, in Case No. 07-1080-GA-AIR, the Commission approved a Stipulation¹ providing for the establishment of an Energy Efficiency Funding Rider (EEFR), initially set to zero, that would be utilized to fund the low-income weatherization program for customers whose income is between 200% and 300% of federal poverty levels.

Subsequently, on August 26, 2009, in Case No. 09-254-GA-ATA, the Commission issued a Finding and Order authorizing Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. (Vectren) to establish and implement an initial EEFR rate of \$0.00320 per Ccf, which became effective on January 1, 2010.

On March 31, 2020, Vectren filed the pending application to revise its current EEFR rate. Vectren is proposing in its application to decrease its EEFR rate from \$0.01809 per Ccf to \$0.01630 per Ccf, a rate change of \$0.00179 per Ccf. Vectren proposes this decrease in the EEFR based on its actual EEFR recoveries through December 2019 and forecasted recoveries through December 2020. Staff has reviewed the application and makes its findings and recommendations in this Staff letter.

STAFF REVIEW

Staff's audit of Vectren's EEFR consisted of an analysis of the incurred costs and calculations to verify the accuracy of the revenue requirement calculation. Staff conducted this audit through a combination of document reviews and interrogatories as needed. Staff agrees with Vectren's proposed rate adjustment at this time. Staff notes that the costs proposed to be recovered through the EEFR are subject to further review in order to evaluate prudence and appropriateness for recovery.

CONCLUSION

Staff completed its review of Vectren's EEFR for calendar year 2019 and believes that the Company appropriately calculated the rider rate in the pending application and recommends the proposed rate of \$0.01630 per Ccf be approved.

¹ Signatory Parties include Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc., the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy and Staff.

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Summary: Staff Review and Recommendation electronically filed by Kristin DuPree on behalf of PUCO Staff