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RE: *In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Approval to Amend its Natural Gas Tariff, Case No. 20-384-GA-ATA.*

Dear Docketing Division:

Enclosed please find the Staff's Review and Recommendations regarding the application filed by Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Approval to Amend its Natural Gas Tariff, Case No. 20-384-GA-ATA.

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Enclosure
Cc: Parties of Record

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Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.
Case No. 20-384-GA-ATA

BACKGROUND:

By Opinion and Order dated December 18, 2019, in Case No 18-218-GA-GCR the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) approved and adopted a stipulation (Stipulation)¹ that included among other things the following items:

- Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke or Company) will file an application to change its gas tariff to prevent avoidance of capacity release due to timing of customers leaving the Gas Cost Recovery (GCR), within 60 days of an order approving the Stipulation.
- Duke will file an application within 60 days of an order approving the Stipulation, to change its gas tariff to require choice suppliers to deliver 100 percent of their target supply quantity. Duke also agrees to start including the incremental cost of propane utilized for system integrity in the Commitment Cost Recovery Rider (CCCR) to make choice customers pay their share of marginal propane costs on a going-forward basis. The incremental propane cost will be based on the difference between the cost of producing propane/air and the weighted average cost of gas for Duke's supply and storage withdrawals at the city-gate on the day it was burned.
- Duke will within 60 days of an order approving the Stipulation, change its Interruptible Monthly Balancing Service (IMBS) rates per the study performed by the Company for the last audit in Case No. 15-218-GA-GCR.
- Duke agrees to start including overrun and penalty charges associated with maintaining the system in the CCCR to recover a portion of the costs from choice customers.

SUMMARY

On February 17, 2020, in Case No. 20-384-GA-ATA, Duke filed an application requesting approval of an application to amend its natural gas tariff P.U.C.O. Gas No. 18, tariff sheets 44.12, 58.5, and 76.90, which are the sheets affected by the Stipulation. In addition to addressing the four items listed above, the amendments proposed by Duke also includes other changes on the same sheets that are also affected by the Stipulation.

¹ The signing parties to the Stipulation in Case No. 18-218-GA-GCR were the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission, Duke Energy of Ohio, Inc. and Interstate Gas Supply, Inc.

STAFF REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION

Staff reviewed Duke's application filed in the above case and finds the application to be reasonable and recommends to the Commission that the application be approved.

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Summary: Staff Review and Recommendation regarding the application filed by Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Approval to Amend its Natural Gas Tariff electronically filed by Zee Molter on behalf of PUCO Staff