# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the Application of Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. for Approval of a Tax Savings Credit Rider

Case No. 19-29-GA-ATA

### MOTION OF VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF OHIO, INC. TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Pursuant to Rule 4901-1-12, Ohio Administrative Code, Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. ("VEDO"), submits this motion to establish a procedural schedule in this proceeding to resolve the sole issued carved out by the May 28, 2020 Stipulation and Recommendation ("Stipulation"). The schedule set forth below is supported by all parties to this proceeding: VEDO, Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Staff"), and the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel ("OCC"). The parties agreed-upon schedule is as follows:

- October 9, 2020: Due date for initial briefs and testimony
- October 23, 2020: Due date for reply briefs and reply testimony

The parties have also agreed to waive cross examination of any initial and reply testimony and have further agreed to waive motions to strike.

VEDO respectfully requests that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission") grant this motion and adopt the agreed-upon procedural schedule set forth herein. The reasons for this Motion are more fully set forth in the attached Memorandum in support.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT**

On January 7, 2019 VEDO filed an Application in this proceeding to establish a Tax Savings Credit Rider ("TSCR"). The proposed TSCR contained several components. On May 28, 2020, VEDO, Staff, and OCC entered into a Stipulation that resolved all but one of the components of the proposed TSCR. The parties agreed to carve out Component D of the proposed TSCR and litigate the issue later in 2020.<sup>1</sup> The Stipulation provided that the Signatory Parties would provide the administrative law judge assigned to the case a status update by the end of July 2020 regarding the requested timing to resolve Component D of the proposed TSCR.<sup>2</sup>

The Commission approved the Stipulation through a Finding and Order dated July 1, 2020. That same day, VEDO filed compliance tariffs implementing TSCR credits to customers; again leaving Component D as the only outstanding issue in the proceeding.

The Signatory Parties provided the administrative law judge with a status update in July 2020. The Commission requested the parties endeavor to reach an agreed upon procedural schedule and set forth the requested schedule in a filing docketed in this proceeding by the end of August 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Stipulation at 6.

VEDO, Staff, and OCC have consulted and agreed upon a procedural schedule that will allow a timely resolution to this matter, avoid the need for an in-person hearing or live virtual hearing, and accommodates the parties schedules during these busy and unprecedented times. The agreed-upon schedule would have initial briefs due October 9, 2020 and reply briefs due on October 23, 2020. Under the agreed-upon schedule, parties would also have an opportunity to support the initial and reply briefs with testimony and reply testimony also due on October 9, 2020 and October 23, 2020, respectively. To further expedite the resolution of the proceeding, the agreed-upon schedule waives crossexamination for the initial and reply testimony and waives motions to strike.

VEDO believes the agreed-upon schedule strikes a reasonable balance under the circumstances and provides an opportunity for the parties to develop and present their positions for the Commission's consideration. Accordingly, VEDO respectfully requests the Commission grant this motion and adopt the agreed-upon procedural schedule.

Dated: August 31, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

In accordance with Rule 4901-1-05, Ohio Administrative Code, the PUCO's e-filing system will electronically serve notice of the filing of this document upon the following parties. In addition, I hereby certify that a service copy of the foregoing Motion of Vectren Delivery of Ohio, Inc. to Establish Procedural Schedule was sent by, or on behalf of, the undersigned counsel for Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. to the following parties of record this 31st day of August 2020, via electronic transmission.

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