

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Duke)
Energy Ohio, Inc., to Adjust and Set Rider) Case No. 21-0031-EL-RDR
ESRR.)

In the Matter of the Application of Duke)
Energy Ohio, Inc., for Approval of Tariff) Case No. 21-0032-EL-ATA
Amendments.)

**APPLICATION OF DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.,
TO ADJUST RIDER ESRR FOR RECOVERY OF
VEGETATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., (Duke Energy Ohio or Company) is an Ohio corporation engaged in the business of supplying electric transmission, distribution, and a standard service offer¹ to customers in southwestern Ohio, all of whom will be affected by this Application, and is a public utility as defined by R. C. 4905.02 and 4905.03. Duke Energy Ohio serves incorporated communities and unincorporated territory within its entire service area, which includes all or parts of Adams, Brown, Butler, Clinton, Clermont, Hamilton, Montgomery, and Warren Counties in Ohio.

In support of its Application, Duke Energy Ohio states as follows:

1. This Application is made pursuant to the Opinion and Order of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission), issued December 19, 2018, in the Consolidated Cases.² In its Opinion and Order, the Commission approved a stipulation in which the signatory parties

¹ Duke Energy Ohio provides a standard generation service offer pursuant to an electric security plan, most recently approved in *In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Authority to Establish a Standard Service Offer Pursuant to Section 4928.143, Revised Code, in the form of an Electric Security Plan, Accounting Modifications and Tariffs for Generation Service*, Case No. 17-1263-EL-SSO, *et al.* (Consolidated Cases).

² Consolidated Cases, Opinion and Order (December 19, 2018).

agreed, among other things, that Duke Energy Ohio would implement a rider for recovery of vegetation management services (Rider ESRR).³

2. Rider ESRR is a nonbypassable rider that is designed to recover all other costs billed to Duke Energy Ohio that exceed the test year expenditure for non-affiliated contractor management services of \$10,720,877.⁴

3. The stipulation approved by the Commission in its Opinion and Order includes an agreement that the Company's vegetation management shall be changed from a four-year trim cycle to a five-year trim cycle.⁵

4. Schedules supporting the calculation of the proposed rate for Rider ESSR are provided as Attachment 1. The schedules support the calculations for the various cost components that were approved for recovery through Rider ESRR.

5. Attachment 2 is the revised tariff sheet No. 80.03 Entitled "Rider ESRR – Electric Service Reliability Rider," in both red-lined and clean versions.

³ *Id.*, pp. 41-42.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*, p. 42. The Company has revised its vegetation management program accordingly in Case No. 20-944-EL-ESS, as described on pages 3-4 of the Finding and Order filed in that case on July 29, 2020.

WHEREFORE, Duke Energy Ohio respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Application and the attached tariff and rates for Rider ESRR and order rates to be effective June 1, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rider ESRR Calculation

Line	Description	2021 Proj	Comment
	Vegetation Management Expenses Eligible for Rider ESRR ^(a)		
1	Projected Contractor Costs to be Recorded in Account 593	\$23,850,672	Projection
2	Contractor Costs Included in Account 593 for Base Rates	10,720,877	Order, ¶ 120
3	Projected contractor costs in excess of base rate recovery	\$13,129,795	Line 1 - line 2
4	Annual Cost Cap for Rider ESRR	\$10,000,000	Order, ¶ 122
5	2021 Contractor costs eligible for recovery	\$10,000,000	Lesser of line 3 or line 4
6	2018 & 2019 True Up Prior (Over)/Under Recovery	(\$152,775)	From pages 3 & 4, line 9
7	Total Eligible for Recovery	\$9,847,225	Line 5 + line 6
8	Commercial Activities Tax	\$25,670	{1/(1-CAT)-1 * Line (7)}
9	Total Rider ESRR Revenue Requirement	\$9,872,895	Line 7 + line 8
10	Total Base Distribution Revenue	\$452,055,948	Stipulation Attachment D, less TS & Misc Rev
11	Rider ESRR Rate	2.18%	Line 9 ÷ line 10

Notes: ^(a) Costs being tracked for Rider ESRR are limited to Contractor Costs (Resource Code 69100) recorded in Account 593.

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Rider ESRR Estimated True Up Prior Period

Line	Description	2020 Estimate ^(b)	Comment
	Vegetation Management Expenses Eligible for Rider ESRR ^(a)		
1	Actual Contractor Costs Recorded in Account 593	\$21,513,615	Internal Accounting Records
2	Contractor Costs Included in Account 593 for Base Rates	10,720,877	Order, ¶ 120
3	Actual contractor costs in excess of base rate recovery	\$10,792,738	Line 1 - Line 2
4	Cap on Annual Rider ESRR Recovery	\$10,000,000	Order, ¶ 122
5	Rider ESRR Revenue Requirement for 2020	\$10,000,000	Lesser of Line 3 or Line 4
6	Estimated Rider ESRR Recovery For 2020 ^(c)	\$10,000,000	Case No. 20-0051
7	Estimated (Over)/Under Recovery of 2020 Rider ESRR Revenue Requirement (c)	\$0	

Notes: ^(a) Costs being tracked for Rider ESRR are limited to Contractor Costs recorded in Account 593.

^(b) Rider ESRR was effective with calendar year 2018 (Order at ¶ 122).

^(c) Actual Rider ESRR Recovery for 2020 will be used in the 2022 filing, as collection period for 2020 is June 2020 through May 2021

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Rider ESRR True Up Prior Periods

Line	Description	2019 Actual ^(b)	Comment
	Vegetation Management Expenses Eligible for Rider ESRR ^(a)		
1	Actual Contractor Costs Recorded in Account 593	\$28,704,158	Internal Accounting Records
2	Contractor Costs Included in Account 593 for Base Rates	10,720,877	Order, ¶ 120
3	Actual contractor costs in excess of base rate recovery	\$17,983,281	Line 1 - Line 2
4	Cap on Annual Rider ESRR Recovery	\$10,000,000	Order, ¶ 122
5	Rider ESRR Revenue Requirement for 2019	\$10,000,000	Lesser of Line 3 or Line 4
6	Actual Rider ESRR Recovery for 2019 ^(c)	\$10,178,843	Case No. 19-0169
7	Commercial Activities Tax	\$26,068	CAT @ 0.0026068
8	Actual Recovery - CAT	\$10,152,775	Line 6 - Line 7
9	(Over)/Under Recovery of 2019 Rider ESRR Revenue Requirement	(\$152,775)	Add to (Deduct from) Current Rider ESRR, page 1

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^(c) Actual recovery period May 31, 2019 through May 31, 2020.

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Line	Description	2018 Actual ^(b)	Comment
	Vegetation Management Expenses Eligible for Rider ESRR ^(a)		
1	Actual Contractor Costs Recorded in Account 593	\$23,407,080	Internal Accounting Records
2	Contractor Costs Included in Account 593 for Base Rates	10,720,877	Order, ¶ 120
3	Actual contractor costs in excess of base rate recovery	\$12,686,203	Line 1 - Line 2
4	Cap on Annual Rider ESRR Recovery	\$10,000,000	Order, ¶ 122
5	Rider ESRR Revenue Requirement for 2018	\$10,000,000	Lesser of Line 3 or Line 4
6	Actual Rider ESRR Recovery for 2018 ^(c)	\$10,026,068	Case No. 19-0169
7	Commercial Activities Tax	\$26,068	CAT @ 0.0026068
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RIDER ESRR
ELECTRIC SERVICE RELIABILITY RIDER

APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all retail jurisdictional customers in the Company's electric service areas including those customers taking generation service from a Competitive Retail Electric Service Provider. This tariff does not apply to customers taking service under Rate TS, service at transmission voltage.

DESCRIPTION

This rider recovers expenses for Duke Energy Ohio's contractor vegetation management services above amounts being recovered in base rates.

CHARGES

A charge of 2.~~1822~~% shall be applied to the base distribution charges (i.e., customer charge plus base distribution charge) of all retail customers. This Rider shall be adjusted periodically to recover amounts authorized by the Commission.

This Rider is subject to reconciliation, including, but not limited to, refunds or additional charges to customers, ordered by the Commission as the result of audits by the Commission in accordance with the December 19, 2018, Opinion and Order in Case No. 17-1263-EL-SSO, et al.

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