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RE: *In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Approval to Modify Rider FBS, Rider EFBS and its Tariff Regarding Rate IMBS, Case Nos. 21-180-GA-RDR and 21-188-GA-ATA.*

Dear Docketing:

Enclosed please find the Staff's Review and Recommendation in regard to Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.'s application in Case Nos. 21-180-GA-RDR and 21-188-GA-ATA for approval to modify Rider FBS, Rider EFBS and its Tariff regarding Rate IMBS.

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David Lipthrott  
Chief, Accounting and Finance  
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**Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.**  
**Case Nos. 21-180-GA-RDR and 21-188-GA-ATA**

**SUMMARY**

On March 1, 2021, Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke) filed an application seeking to amend its Firm Balancing Service (FBS), Enhanced Firm Balancing Service (EFBS) and Interruptible Monthly Balancing Service (IMBS) rates due to changes in the transportation and demand charges being billed by Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation (TCO) and prevailing commodity prices. The FBS and EFBS calculations are unchanged from those filed in prior cases, except for the new TCO charges and commodity prices as shown on Exhibit B. The FBS would increase from \$0.363 to \$0.614 per Mcf, as shown on the proposed tariffs, Exhibit B. The EFBS demand charge would increase from \$7.34 to \$11.06 per Dth and the volumetric charge would increase from \$0.038 to \$0.045 per Mcf, as shown on the proposed tariffs, Exhibit B. The IMBS would increase from \$0.0848 to \$0.1222 per Mcf. The cost of the FBS and EFBS are recovered through Duke's Gas Cost Recovery (GCR) rider. Duke provides FBS and EFBS to its transportation customers with the revenue collected credited to its GCR.

Additionally, TCO has revised its tariff to include gas confiscation when the storage balances are above the specified inventory levels each year as of February 1, April 1, June 30, and August 31. Prior to this change, the requirement to keep storage balances under these thresholds was included in its tariff but TCO only confiscated gas if the balances exceeded 25% as of April 1 each year. In order to be consistent with how storage is managed in accordance with TCO's pipeline tariff, Duke proposes to revise Rider EFBS to include these new provisions.

**STAFF REVIEW**

Staff has reviewed the application filed in the above case and finds it to be reasonable

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff finds that the application filed by Duke is reasonable and should be approved.

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Summary: Staff Review and Recommendation in regard to Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.'s application for approval to modify Rider FBS, Rider EFBS and its Tariff regarding Rate IMBS electronically filed by Zee Molter on behalf of PUCO Staff