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RE: *In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Approval to Adjust Rider
DDR, Case No. 21-98-EL-RDR.*

Dear Docketing Division:

Enclosed please find the Review and Recommendations of the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Staff) in the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Approval to Adjust Rider DDR, Case No. 21-98-EL-RDR.

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Enclosure
Cc: Parties of Record

Duke Energy Ohio
Case No. 21-98-EL-RDR (Rider DDR)

SUMMARY

On November 22, 2011, in Case No. 11-3549-EL-SSO, the Commission adopted and approved the Stipulation which included an agreement that Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke or Company) would subsequently file for approval of a distribution decoupling mechanism to adjust rates between rate cases. Subsequent to the Commission's approval, Duke filed an application for approval of a pilot decoupling mechanism, distribution decoupling rider (Rider DDR). That application was approved by the Commission in a Finding and Order on May 30, 2012 in Case No. 11-5905-EL-RDR. The Finding and Order directed the Company to accrue positive or negative differences in a balancing account specific to each rate class and submit an application to adjust Rider DDR by March 1 of each year.

On February 24, 2021, the Company filed its 2020 update to Rider DDR in Case No. 21-98-EL-RDR. The Company proposed rider rates are $-\$0.001724$ per kWh for all residential rates, $\$0.001009$ per kWh for Rate EH, and $-\$0.000780$ per kWh for Rate DM. The decoupled rates are subject to a 3 percent cap, which is calculated based on the 2020 distribution revenues. This cap limits the revenue requirement for Rate EH to \$50,411

FINANCIAL AUDIT

Staff has completed its review of the 2020 Rider DDR filing. Staff's investigation was designed to ensure the Company comported with sound ratemaking principals and followed the Commission's Finding and Order, while also determining if the application as requested is just and reasonable. Based on Staff's investigation, Staff concludes that the proposed distribution decoupling rates reflect the actual differences between what was authorized in the Company's last base rate case and what the Company ultimately collected through rates during 2020.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has completed its review of Rider DDR and finds the Company has appropriately calculated its DDR filing. Staff recommends that the application filed on February 24, 2021 be approved and become effective on a bills rendered basis beginning on July 1, 2021.

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