

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC., FOR AN
INCREASE IN ITS ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION
RATES.

CASE NO. 21-887-EL-AIR

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC., FOR TARIFF
APPROVAL.

CASE NO. 21-888-EL-ATA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC., FOR
APPROVAL TO CHANGE ACCOUNTING
METHODS.

CASE NO. 21-889-EL-AAM

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on January 26, 2022

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission finds that Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.'s application for an increase in rates should be accepted for filing as of October 1, 2021.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Applicant or Duke) is an electric light company as defined by R.C. 4905.03(C) and a public utility as defined by R.C. 4905.02 and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission pursuant to R.C. 4905.04, 4905.05 and 4905.06.

{¶ 3} An application for an increase in rates is governed by and must meet the requirements of R.C. 4909.17 to 4909.19, and 4909.42. In applying for a rate increase, R.C. 4909.15(C)(1) and (2) provide that a utility may propose a test period for determining the revenues and expenses that is any 12-month period beginning not more than six months prior to the date the application is filed and ending not more than nine months subsequent to the date the application is filed. Unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, the test period shall be what is proposed by the utility. It is also required that the date certain be no later than the date of filing.

{¶ 4} On September 1, 2021, Duke filed a notice of intent to file an application for an increase in rates, pursuant to R.C. 4909.43(B) and in compliance with Ohio Adm.Code 4901-7-01, Appendix A, Chapter I of the Commission's Standard Filing Requirements (SFR). Concurrently, Duke also filed a motion to set a test period and date certain and for a waiver of certain filing requirements. By Entry issued on October 20, 2021, the Commission approved Duke's test year and date certain and granted waivers for the filing of certain documents required by the SFR.

{¶ 5} On October 1, 2021, Duke filed its application seeking Commission authority to increase its rates for electric distribution service pursuant to R.C. 4909.18, 4909.19, and 4909.43, and the SFR.

{¶ 6} The Commission finds that Duke's application meets the requirements of R.C. 4909.17 to 4909.19 and the SFR. As such, the Commission finds that the application shall be accepted as of the filing date of October 1, 2021.

{¶ 7} Further, the Commission finds that Duke's proposed notice for publication, set forth in its application, complies with the requirements of Ohio Adm.Code 4901-7-01, Appendix A, Chapter II, (B)(7), and should be approved. Accordingly, Duke shall begin publication of the newspaper notice, pursuant to R.C. 4909.19, within thirty days of the date of this Entry and such notice shall not appear in the legal notices section of the newspaper.

III. ORDER

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That the application for an increase in rates filed by Duke be accepted for filing as of October 1, 2021. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That the proposed newspaper notice submitted by Duke be approved for publication. It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

COMMISSIONERS:

Approving:

Jenifer French, Chair

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Summary: Entry finding that Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.'s application for an increase in rates should be accepted for filing as of October 1, 2021 electronically filed by Heather A. Chilcote on behalf of Public Utilities Commission of Ohio