

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Duke)
Energy Ohio, Inc., for Authority to Abandon) Case No. 21-986-GA-ABN
Certain Propane-Air Facilities.)

In the Matter of the Application of Duke)
Energy Ohio, Inc., for Authority to Change) Case No. 21-1035-GA-AAM
Accounting Methods.)

**DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.'S MOTION FOR A PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE BY WHICH TO FILE COMMENTS REGARDING
STAFF'S REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION FILED JANUARY 6, 2022**

Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., (Duke Energy Ohio or the Company) hereby respectfully requests, in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.) Rule 4901-1-28(E), that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) establish a procedural schedule by which the Company, and others, may file Comments to the Commission Staff's (Staff) Review and Recommendations (Staff Report) filed January 6, 2022. The reasons supporting the Company's Motion for a Procedural Schedule, along with a proposed schedule, are set forth in the attached memorandum.

Respectfully submitted,
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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

On October 7, 2021, Duke Energy Ohio filed its Application in the above-referenced cases requesting authority to abandon its propane-air facilities. The Company has found that “the caverns and the associated propane-air facilities should be replaced by alternative methods to provide reliable natural gas distribution service.”¹ On January 6, 2022, Staff filed its Staff Report regarding the above-captioned matters. The Company has reviewed the Staff Report and intends to file responsive comments to the same. In support of the Company’s intent to file responsive comments, and in recognition of other parties’ possible intent to do the same, the Company asks that the Commission establish a procedural schedule, pursuant to O.A.C. 4901-1-28(E), setting forth the timeframe by which all parties may comment and respond to comments regarding the Staff Report. The Company proposes the following procedural schedule for review and adoption by the Commission:

- Initial comments to the Staff Report should be filed by March 7, 2022.

Reply comments should be filed by March 21, 2022.

The Company asserts that no party will be negatively impacted if the Commission adopts the procedural schedule proposed by the Company. On the contrary, if the Commission sets a procedural schedule, all participating parties will have a date certain by which to present comments, if any, to the Staff Report.

Accordingly, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Motion for a Procedural Schedule by which to File Comments Regarding Staff’s Review and Recommendation filed on January 6, 2022, and adopt the proposed procedural schedule set forth herein.

¹ *Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Authority to Abandon Certain Propane-Air Facilities and to Establish a Regulatory Asset*, p. 1 (October 7, 2021) (“Application”).

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing Motion for a Procedural Schedule by Which to File Comments Regarding Staff's Review and Recommendation filed January 6, 2022 was served via electronic mail and/or ordinary mail on February 2, 2022, upon the parties to this case.

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