

**BEFORE**

**THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

<b>In the Matter of the Regulation of the</b>	)	
<b>Purchased Gas Adjustment Clauses</b>	)	
<b>Contained within the Rate Schedules of</b>	)	<b>Case No. 21-218-GA-GCR</b>
<b>Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. and Related Matters.</b>	)	

<b>In the Matter of the Uncollectible Expense</b>	)	
<b>Rider of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.,</b>	)	<b>Case No. 21-318-GA-UEX</b>
<b>and Related Matters.</b>	)	

<b>In the Matter of the Percentage of Income</b>	)	
<b>Payment Plan Rider of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.</b>	)	<b>Case No. 21-418-GA-PIP</b>

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**UNOPPOSED MOTION TO SUSPEND THE PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE  
AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED RULING**

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**I. INTRODUCTION**

Now comes Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke Energy Ohio or Company), by and through counsel, and hereby moves the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission), in accordance with Rule 4901-1-12(C), Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), for a suspension of the testimony deadline and evidentiary hearing in the existing procedural schedule to allow additional settlement discussions following resolution of the ongoing Columbia Transmission rate case at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). As the current procedural schedule contemplates the filing of a testimony by Duke Energy Ohio by February 11, 2022, the Company requests expedited treatment of this motion. The Company has discussed this suspension request with all of the parties and there is no opposition to either the suspension or the expedited treatment of this request.

For the reasons more fully set forth in the attached memorandum in support, Duke Energy Ohio respectfully requests that the Commission grant this motion on an expedited basis, pursuant to O.A.C. Rule 4901-1-12(C).

Respectfully submitted,

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## **MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT**

The procedural schedule in this proceeding is currently as follows:

- Deadline for the filing of testimony by Duke Energy Ohio is February 11, 2022;
- Hearing for public testimony on February 17, 2022;
- Deadline for any intervening party to file testimony is February 21, 2022; and
- Evidentiary hearing on February 28.

The parties to this proceeding are engaged in settlement discussions. Despite their efforts, the parties have not yet been able to finalize the unresolved issues, in part because the FERC has not ruled on the rate case pending for Columbia Transmission. The Company respectfully submits that an additional period of time is necessary, reasonable, and in the best interests of all stakeholders, as it may result in the efficient resolution of all issues in this case. Accordingly, Duke Energy Ohio requests that the Commission suspend the procedural schedule, other than the date for the hearing of any public testimony.

Expedited treatment is necessary for this motion as the deadline for the filing of testimony is imminent. None of the parties to this proceeding object to the additional time or the expedited treatment requested herein.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated herein, the Company requests that the Commission grant this motion as set forth herein.

Respectfully submitted,  
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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of the foregoing Unopposed Motion to Suspend the Procedural Schedule and Request for Expedited Ruling was served via electronic mail or ordinary mail on the following this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

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