

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Approval	)	Case No. 21-903-GA-EXM
of a General Exemption of Certain	)	
Natural Gas Commodity Sales	)	
Services or Ancillary Services.	)	
	)	
In the Matter of the Application of	)	
Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Tariff	)	Case No. 21-904-GA-ATA
Approval.	)	
	)	
In the Matter of the Application of	)	
Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Approval	)	Case No. 21-905-GA-AAM
to Change Accounting Methods.	)	

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**DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.’S REPLY IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR  
CONTINUANCE OF THE EVIDENTIARY HEARING**

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Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke Energy Ohio) requested a one-week modification of the evidentiary hearing date to accommodate the schedules of multiple parties who have a hearing conflict on the originally scheduled date. That requested change did not require any other modifications to the procedural schedule established for this case and provided each party with the exact same opportunities for discovery as they would have had under the current schedule. As no party will be prejudiced by this minor modification, including the Retail Energy Supply Association (RESA), the Motion for Continuance of the Evidentiary Hearing (Motion) should be granted.

RESA contends that Duke Energy Ohio’s Motion “should only be granted if the discovery cut-off and testimony deadlines are similarly adjusted,” claiming that Duke Energy Ohio will

inadvertently be provided a procedural advantage unless all deadlines—not just the requested evidentiary hearing date—be extended. (RESA Memorandum at 2).

Contrary to RESA's claim, granting Duke Energy Ohio's Motion to move the evidentiary hearing by one week will not provide a procedural advantage to Duke Energy Ohio, as the extension would apply to all parties.

It is also important to note that Duke Energy Ohio's Motion does not impact the time provided for discovery to any party. The Motion maintains the exact same periods established for this case. The Motion simply accommodated the schedules of counsel for multiple parties that are also parties to other cases pending before the Commission, including Duke Energy Ohio's electric distribution rate case (Case No. 21-887-EL-AIR *et al.*). Therefore, there is no reason to modify the procedural schedule to extend any discovery cut-off and testimony deadlines.

Duke Energy Ohio respectfully requests that the Commission grant its request for a one-week extension of the evidentiary hearing date and modify the procedural schedule accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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