

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for an Increase in Electric Distribution Rates.)	
)	Case No. 21-887-EL-AIR
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In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Tariff Approval.)	
)	Case No. 21-888-EL-ATA
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In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Approval to Change Accounting Methods.)	
)	Case No. 21-889-EL-AAM
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**UNOPPOSED MOTION TO MODIFY THE PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND
REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED RULING BY DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.**

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 brief extension of one deadline in the existing procedural schedule to enable further settlement conversations with the hope that a full or partial resolution of these proceedings may be accomplished in the meantime. As the current procedural schedule, most recently modified by the August 12, 2022, Entry in these proceedings, contemplates the filing of intervenor testimony by August 26, 2022, which is tomorrow, the Company requests expedited treatment of this unopposed motion. In order to enable further settlement discussions, the Company requests that the procedural schedule be modified as follows:

- August 31, 2022, Direct Testimony of Intervening Parties shall be filed;

The Company is not requesting any other changes to the procedural schedule and intends to proceed with the evidentiary hearing as currently scheduled to commence on September 19;

2022. The Company has presented this limited extension request of the intervenor direct testimony deadline only to all of the parties and has received no opposition to either the extension 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 set for direct testimony to be filed by intervenors on August 26, 2022. Additionally, rebuttal testimony is currently set to be filed by September 9, 2022, and Staff testimony is set to be filed by September 12, 2022.

O.A.C. 4901-1-13(A) permits the extension of deadlines for good cause shown. In accordance with that rule, Duke Energy Ohio seeks an extension on the intervenors' direct testimony only, so that it may continue settlement discussions. In order to ease the time burden associated with the August 26, 2022, intervenor direct testimony deadline, and to allow more time for settlement discussions, Duke Energy Ohio requests an extension of the due date for the filing of direct testimony by intervenors, such that the referenced testimony would be due on August 31, 2022. Rebuttal testimony by all parties would remain due on September 9, 2022, and Staff would still file its testimony by September 12, 2022, as currently scheduled.

Expedited treatment is necessary for this motion as the deadline for the filing of the intervenors' direct testimony is tomorrow. None of the parties to this proceeding has objected 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 and establish a revised procedural schedule as set forth herein.

Respectfully submitted,
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