

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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

CASE NO. 22-507-GA-AIR

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC., FOR  
APPROVAL OF AN ALTERNATIVE FORM OF  
REGULATION.

CASE NO. 22-508-GA-ALT

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

CASE NO. 22-509-GA-ATA

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

CASE NO. 22-510-GA-AAM

### ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on August 29, 2022

{¶ 1} Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Applicant or Duke) is a natural gas company as defined by R.C. 4905.03(E) 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.

{¶ 2} On May 31, 2022, 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. Duke filed an amended version of this motion on June 2, 2022.

{¶ 3} By Entry on June 29, 2022, the Commission granted Duke's request to use the twelve months beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, as the test year for the filing, and March 31, 2022, as the date certain for determining rate base. The Commission additionally granted certain waivers of the Commission's SFR.

{¶ 4} On June 30, 2022, Duke filed its application for an increase in rates and an application for an alternative rate plan.

{¶ 5} In accordance with the SFR, Staff is to inform the applicant within 30 days of the filing of the application of an alternative rate plan as to whether the application is in technical compliance. If Staff finds the application is in compliance, the applicant is to file its response to Staff within 15 days of receiving Staff's letter. Thereafter, consistent with Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-19-07(B), the Commission is to issue an entry within 60 days of the filing of the application indicating whether the application has complied with the filing requirements. Similar deadlines are required for alternative rate plans filed pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-19-07(A).

{¶ 6} On August 26, 2022, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-12(C), Staff filed a motion for waiver of the deadlines described above and a request for expedited treatment. Staff asks that the deadline be extended until September 9, 2022. Staff asserts no party opposes the request.

{¶ 7} The attorney examiner finds good cause exists to grant the request. Accordingly, Staff should file its letters by September 9, 2022. Duke will have 15 days to file a response after Staff submits the letters. Additionally, as these adjusted deadlines will surpass the Commission's 60-day window to issue an entry as to whether the applications are in compliance, the Commission's opportunity to respond will be extended to within 45 days after Staff issues its letter. Thereafter, consistent with the SFR and Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-19-07(B), if the Commission does not direct otherwise the applications will be considered in compliance with the filing requirements and as having been filed as of the date of the original docketing of the applications.

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That Staff's motion be granted. It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

*/s/Nicholas J. Walstra*

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry ordering that Staff's motion be granted electronically filed by Heather A. Chilcote on behalf of Nicholas Walstra, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission