

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Duke )  
Energy Ohio, Inc., to Adjust and Set Rider ) Case No. 23-0026-EL-RDR  
ESRR. )

In the Matter of the Application of Duke )  
Energy Ohio, Inc., for Approval of Tariff ) Case No. 23-0054-EL-ATA  
Amendments. )

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**APPLICATION OF DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.,  
TO ADJUST RIDER ESRR FOR RECOVERY OF  
VEGETATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

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Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., (Duke Energy Ohio or Company) is an Ohio corporation engaged in the business of supplying electric transmission, distribution, and a standard service offer<sup>1</sup> to customers in southwestern Ohio, all of whom will be affected by this Application, and is a public utility as defined by R. C. 4905.02 and 4905.03. Duke Energy Ohio serves incorporated communities and unincorporated territory within its entire service area, which includes all or parts of Adams, Brown, Butler, Clinton, Clermont, Hamilton, Montgomery, and Warren Counties in Ohio.

In support of its Application, Duke Energy Ohio states as follows:

1. This Application is made in accordance with the Opinion and Order of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission), issued December 19, 2018, in the Consolidated Cases,<sup>2</sup> as updated by the Opinion and Order issued December 14, 2022, in Case Nos. 21-887-EL-

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<sup>1</sup> Duke Energy Ohio provides a standard generation service offer pursuant to an electric security plan, most recently approved in *In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Authority to Establish a Standard Service Offer Pursuant to Section 4928.143, Revised Code, in the form of an Electric Security Plan, Accounting Modifications and Tariffs for Generation Service*, Case No. 17-1263-EL-SSO, *et al.* (Consolidated Cases).

<sup>2</sup> Consolidated Cases, Opinion and Order (December 19, 2018) (2018 Order).

AIR, *et al.* (2022 Order).<sup>3</sup> In the 2018 Order, the Commission approved a stipulation in which the signatory parties agreed, among other things, that Duke Energy Ohio would implement a rider for recovery of vegetation management services (Rider ESRR).<sup>4</sup>

2. In the 2018 Order, Rider ESRR was originally approved as a nonbypassable rider that was designed to recover up to \$10 million of costs billed to Duke Energy Ohio that exceeded the then-applicable test year expenditure for non-affiliated contractor management services of \$10,720,877.<sup>5</sup> Rider ESRR was updated in Case No. 21-887-EL-AIR, *et al.*, effective January 1, 2023, so that \$22,505,088, would be recovered in base rates, and Rider ESRR would be used for any qualifying under-recovery and over-recovery.<sup>6</sup>

3. The previous stipulation, in Case No. 17-32-EL-AIR, *et al.*, approved by the Commission in its 2018 Order also included an agreement that the Company's vegetation management would be performed pursuant to a five-year trim cycle, which remains unchanged.<sup>7</sup>

4. Schedules supporting the calculation of the proposed rate for Rider ESRR are provided as Attachment 1. The schedules support the calculations for the various cost components that were approved for recovery through Rider ESRR.

5. Attachment 2 is the revised tariff sheet No. 80.06 Entitled "Rider ESRR – Electric Service Reliability Rider," in both red-lined and clean versions.

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<sup>3</sup> *In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for an Increase in Electric Distribution Rates*, Case Nos. 21-887-EL-AIR, *et al.*, Opinion and Order, pp. 22, 69-70 (Dec. 14, 2022).

<sup>4</sup> 2018 Order, pp. 41-42.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

<sup>6</sup> See 2022 Order, pp. 69-70; *In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for an Increase in Electric Distribution Rates*, Case Nos. 21-887-EL-AIR, *et al.*, Corrected Stipulation and Recommendation, p. 9 (September 19, 2022) (citing Schedule C-2.1 Page 2 of 5, Line 21).

<sup>7</sup> 2018 Order, p. 42.

WHEREFORE, Duke Energy Ohio respectfully requests that the Commission approve this Application and the attached tariff and rates for Rider ESRR and order rates to be effective June 1, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rider ESRR Calculation

Line	Description	2023 Proj	Comment
	Vegetation Management Expenses Eligible for Rider ESRR <sup>(a)</sup>		
1	Projected Contractor Costs to be Recorded in Account 593	\$23,371,256	Projection
2	Contractor Costs Included in Account 593 for Base Rates	22,505,088	Order, Case No. 21-887-EL-AIR, ¶ 56
3	Projected contractor costs in excess of base rate recovery	\$866,168	Line 1 - line 2
4	2021 True Up Prior (Over)/Under Recovery	\$91,133	From page 3, line 9
5	Total Eligible for Recovery	\$957,301	Line 3 + line 4
6	Commercial Activities Tax	\$2,502	{1/(1-CAT)-1 * Line (5)}
7	Total Rider ESRR Revenue Requirement	\$959,803	Line 5 + line 6
8	Total Base Distribution Revenue	\$565,571,420	Stipulation, Case No. 21-887-EL-AIR; less TS & Misc Rev
9	Rider ESRR Rate	0.17%	Line 7 ÷ line 8

Notes: <sup>(a)</sup> Costs being tracked for Rider ESRR are limited to Contractor Costs (Resource Code 69100) recorded in Account 593.

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Rider ESRR Estimated True Up Prior Period

Line	Description	2022 Estimate <sup>(b)</sup>	Comment
	Vegetation Management Expenses Eligible for Rider ESRR <sup>(a)</sup>		
1	Actual Contractor Costs Recorded in Account 593	\$22,049,871	Internal Accounting Records
2	Contractor Costs Included in Account 593 for Base Rates	10,720,877	Order, Case No. 17-32-EL-AIR, ¶ 120
3	Actual contractor costs in excess of base rate recovery	\$11,328,994	Line 1 - Line 2
4	Cap on Annual Rider ESRR Recovery	\$10,000,000	Order, Case No. 17-32-EL-AIR, ¶ 122
5	Rider ESRR Revenue Requirement for 2022	\$9,915,754	Case No. 22-0018-EL-RDR
6	Estimated Rider ESRR Recovery For 2022 <sup>(c)</sup>	\$9,915,754	Case No. 22-0018-EL-RDR
7	Estimated (Over)/Under Recovery of 2022 Rider ESRR Revenue Requirement <sup>(c)</sup>	\$0	

Notes: <sup>(a)</sup> Costs being tracked for Rider ESRR are limited to Contractor Costs recorded in Account 593.

<sup>(b)</sup> Rider ESRR was effective with calendar year 2018 (Order at Case No. 17-32-EL-AIR, ¶ 120).

<sup>(c)</sup> Actual Rider ESRR Recovery for 2022 will be used in the 2024 filing,  
as collection period for 2022 is June 2022 through May 2023

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**Rider ESRR True Up Prior Periods**

Line	Description	2021 Actual <sup>(b)</sup>	Comment
	Vegetation Management Expenses Eligible for Rider ESRR <sup>(a)</sup>		
1	Actual Contractor Costs Recorded in Account 593	\$21,394,122	Internal Accounting Records
2	Contractor Costs Included in Account 593 for Base Rates	10,720,877	Order, Case No. 17-32-EL-AIR, ¶ 120
3	Actual contractor costs in excess of base rate recovery	\$10,673,245	Line 1 - Line 2
4	Cap on Annual Rider ESRR Recovery	\$10,000,000	Order, Case No. 17-32-EL-AIR, ¶ 122
5	Rider ESRR Revenue Requirement for 2021	\$10,000,000	Lesser of Line 3 or Line 4
6	Actual Rider ESRR Recovery for 2021 <sup>(c)</sup>	\$9,934,697	Case No. 21-31-EL-RDR
7	Commercial Activities Tax	\$25,830	CAT @ 0.0026068
8	Actual Recovery - CAT	\$9,908,867	Line 6 - Line 7
9	(Over)/Under Recovery of 2021 Rider ESRR Revenue Requirement	\$91,133	Add to (Deduct from) Current Rider ESRR, page 1

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<sup>(c)</sup> Actual recovery period June 2021 through May 2022.

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## RIDER ESRR

### ELECTRIC SERVICE RELIABILITY RIDER

#### APPLICABILITY

Applicable to all retail jurisdictional customers in the Company's electric service areas including those customers taking generation service from a Competitive Retail Electric Service Provider. This tariff does not apply to customers taking service under Rate TS, service at transmission voltage.

#### DESCRIPTION

This rider recovers/refunds expenses for Duke Energy Ohio's contractor vegetation management services above or below amounts being recovered in base rates.

#### CHARGES

A charge of ~~0.172-19~~% shall be applied to the base distribution charges (i.e., customer charge plus base distribution charge) of all retail customers. This Rider shall be adjusted periodically to recover amounts authorized by the Commission.

This Rider is subject to reconciliation, including, but not limited to, refunds or additional charges to customers, ordered by the Commission as the result of audits by the Commission in accordance with the December 19, 2018, Opinion and Order in Case No. 17-1263-EL-SSO, et al.

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#### **APPLICABILITY**

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#### **DESCRIPTION**

This rider recovers/refunds expenses for Duke Energy Ohio's contractor vegetation management services above or below amounts being recovered in base rates.

#### **CHARGES**

A charge of 0.17% shall be applied to the base distribution charges (i.e., customer charge plus base distribution charge) of all retail customers. This Rider shall be adjusted periodically to recover amounts authorized by the Commission.

This Rider is subject to reconciliation, including, but not limited to, refunds or additional charges to customers, ordered by the Commission as the result of audits by the Commission in accordance with the December 19, 2018, Opinion and Order in Case No. 17-1263-EL-SSO, et al.

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