



Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel

September 13, 2023

Ms. Tanowa Troupe, Secretary
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: *In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. to Adjust and Set the Rate for Rider BTR*, Case No. 23-457-EL-RDR

Dear Ms. Troupe:

In the August 17, 2023 Entry in the above-referenced matter, the Attorney Examiner directed parties to file initial and reply comments regarding Duke's application to update the rates it charges consumers through the base transmission rate rider ("Rider BTR"). The Entry set September 6, 2023 as the date for initial comments and September 13, 2023 for reply comments. In accordance with the Entry, the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel ("OCC") filed Consumer Protection Comments on behalf of Ohio's residential consumers on September 6, 2023. OCC was the only party to file initial comments.

OCC's Comments recommended that the PUCO act to protect Duke's residential consumers from the impact of supplemental transmission costs charged to consumers through Rider BTR. OCC recommended that the PUCO review the supplemental transmission project costs to determine whether the investments are prudent and necessary to provide safe and reliable service to consumers who will pay the increased charges through Rider BTR.

Because OCC was the only party to file initial comments on September 6, 2023, OCC declines to file reply comments today. OCC reserves all rights to respond in the future to any arguments made by Duke on reply or to the PUCO Staff Report in this matter.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Donald J. Kral

Donald J. Kral
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cc: All Parties of Record & Attorney Examiners

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