

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Duke )  
Energy Ohio, Inc. for Authority to Adjust its ) Case No. 23-864-EL-ATA  
Green Power / Carbon Offset Rider )

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**APPLICATION OF DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC. FOR AUTHORITY  
TO ADJUST ITS GREEN POWER / CARBON OFFSET RIDER**

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1. APPLICANT RESPECTFULLY PROPOSES:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Service                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Change in Rule or Regulation  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Classification                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduction in Rates   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Change in Classification               | <input type="checkbox"/> Correction of Error   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other, not involving increase in rates | <input type="checkbox"/> Various related and unrelated textual<br>revision, without change in intent |

2. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:

Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., (Duke Energy Ohio or Company) proposes to revise Sheet No. 79 of its Tariff No. 19 (Rider GP) to decrease the price of GoGreen units to \$0.90 per unit of 100 kWh.

3. TARIFF SHEET(S) AFFECTED:

- PUCO No. 19, Sheet No. 79, Rider GP

4. ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF ARE:

- Exhibit A – existing schedule sheets (to be superseded if application is approved)
- Exhibit B – proposed schedule sheets
- Exhibit B-1 – redlined tariff sheets showing changes made to existing tariffs
- Exhibit C-1

- a. If new service is proposed, describe;

- b. If new equipment is involved, describe (preferably with a picture, brochure, etc.) and, where appropriate, a statement distinguishing proposed service from existing services;
- c. If proposed service results from customer requests, so state, giving, if available, the number and type of customers requesting proposed service

\_\_\_ Exhibit C-2 – if a change of classification, rule or regulation is proposed, a statement explaining the reason for the change

X Exhibit C-3 – statement explaining the reason for any proposal not covered by Exhibit C-1 or Exhibit C-2

- 5. This application will not result in an increase in any rate, joint rate, toll, classification, charge, or rental.
- 6. Duke Energy Ohio respectfully requests that the Commission expeditiously approve this application and the proposed tariffs attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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# EXHIBIT A

**RIDER GP**

**GOGREEN RIDER**

**APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to all customers who wish to purchase GoGreen units from the Company-sponsored GoGreen program and who enter a service agreement with the Company.

**DEFINITION OF GOGREEN**

GoGreen supports alternative energy sources brought into service on or after 1997, such as:

Wind, Solar Photovoltaic, Biomass Co-firing of Agricultural Crops, Hydro – as certified by the Low Impact Hydro Institute, Incremental Improvements in Large Scale Hydro, Coal Mine Methane, Landfill Gas, Biogas Digesters, Biomass Co-firing of All Woody Waste including mill residue, but excluding painted or treated lumber.

The GoGreen Program includes the purchase of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) from the sources described above.

**GOGREEN COMPETITIVE RETAIL ELECTRIC SERVICE MARKET PRICE**

For all GoGreen units .....\$1.00 per unit per month

Minimum purchase is two (2) 100 kWh units. Additional purchases to be made in 100 kWh unit increments.

**NET MONTHLY BILL**

Customers who participate under this Rider will be billed for electric service under all standard applicable tariffs, including all applicable riders.

The purchase of GoGreen units, under this Rider, will be billed at the applicable GoGreen Rate times the number of GoGreen units the customer has agreed to purchase per month. The customer's monthly bill will consist of the sum of all kWh billed at the applicable rate tariffs, including all applicable riders, and the agreed to GoGreen units billed at the applicable Green Power Rate.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. The customer shall enter into a service agreement with Company that shall specify the amount of GoGreen units and price of GoGreen units to be purchased monthly. Customer shall give Company thirty (30) days notice prior to cancellation of participation in this rider.
2. Funds from the GoGreen Rate will be used to purchase RECs from renewable and environmentally friendly sources as described in the DEFINITION OF GOGREEN section and for customer education, marketing, and costs of the GoGreen Program.

Filed pursuant to an Order dated May 1, 2013 in Case No. 12-1682-EL-AIR before the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

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**TERMS AND CONDITIONS (continued)**

3. RECs shall mean tradable units that represent the commodity formed by unbundling the environmental attributes of a unit of renewable or environmentally friendly energy from the underlying electricity. One REC would be equivalent to the environmental attributes of one MWH of electricity from a renewable or environmentally friendly generation source.
4. Company may transfer RECs at the prevailing wholesale market prices to and from third parties, including affiliated companies.
5. Company reserves the right to terminate the Rider or revise the pricing or minimum purchase amount of the Rider after giving sixty (60) days notice.

**SERVICE REGULATIONS**

The billing for service and all conditions applying thereto, are subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, and to the Company's Service Regulations currently in effect, as filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

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## EXHIBIT B

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**GOGREEN COMPETITIVE RETAIL ELECTRIC SERVICE MARKET PRICE**

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## EXHIBIT B-1

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**GOGREEN COMPETITIVE RETAIL ELECTRIC SERVICE MARKET PRICE**

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## EXHIBIT C-3

**Exhibit C-3**  
**Statement Explaining the Reason for the Proposal**  
**Not Covered by Exhibit C-1 or Exhibit C-2**

Duke Energy Ohio proposes to revise Sheet No. 79 of its Tariff No. 19 (Rider GP) to decrease the price of GoGreen units to \$0.90 per unit of 100 kWh.

Pursuant to the Commission's Order in Case No. 06-1398-EL-UNC, Duke Energy Ohio was authorized to implement a voluntary green tariff pilot program, wherein participating customers would be able to enter into a service agreement with the Company to purchase Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs).<sup>1</sup> The Commission approved the associated green tariff rider (Rider GP) and the program was authorized to run through December 31, 2008, with Commission approval required for extension.<sup>2</sup>

Pursuant to subsequent Commission's Orders and tariff updates in Case Nos. 08-920-EL-SSO, *et al.*, Case Nos. 11-3549-EL-SSO, *et al.*, and Case Nos. 12-1682-EL-AIR, *et al.*, the Company was authorized to continue the GoGreen program and its accompanying Rider GP, with some changes to the tariff language.

GoGreen is an optional program that provides customers the opportunity to participate in supporting renewable energy in 100 kWh blocks (minimum of 2 blocks). Their enrollment fee is automatically added to their monthly electric bill, and they may opt out at any time. Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) are retired annually on the participant's behalf. Duke procures the (RECs) within the region from a reputable supplier then validates the retirement in one of the North American tracking registries. The participants are provided bi-annual reports with details on the program's full participation and environmental impact. There is call center support and a dedicated email box customers may utilize for any questions or inquiries. The company provides annual reports to the PUCO on participation, expenses, and revenues.

GoGreen allows customers in Ohio the ability to support renewable energy without having the upfront costs or maintenance of installing their own generating facility. Participants may choose a minimum of (200 kWh) or to match a certain percentage of their home's electric usage. This program supports the enhancement of renewable energy. Program participation fees go directly toward the purchase of (RECs) and program administration.

With this Application, the Company seeks approval to reduce the cost of one GoGreen unit from \$1.00 to \$0.90, based on the Company's recent success in managing the costs of RECs. The Company has been successful in obtaining RECs at lower costs, and is seeking to pass these savings on to its customers.

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<sup>1</sup> See generally *In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio for Approval of a Competitive Retail Electric Service Pilot Green Power Rider*, Case No. 06-1398-EL-UNC, Finding and Order (May 9, 2007).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*, pp. 1, 3.

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