

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of)
Ohio Power Company for Approval) Case No. 08-65-EL-ATA
of Line Extension Tariff Modifications)

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) The Applicant, Ohio Power Company (OP or Company), is a public utility as defined in Section 4905.02, Revised Code, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) On November 2, 2002, in Case No. 01-2708-EL-COI, the Commission approved terms and conditions concerning line extensions for OP. At that time, OP's distribution rate freeze was scheduled to end on December 31, 2007. All line extension surcharges were scheduled to terminate on that date with the exception of surcharges applicable to single family residences that are not part of a development project. There is no expiration date for the surcharges that apply to non-development single family residential customers.
- (3) Subsequent to the November 2, 2002, Order, OP's distribution rate freeze was extended by one year as a result of the Company's Rate Stabilization Plan approved by the Commission in Case No. 04-169-EL-UNC.
- (4) By its application in Case No. 08-65-EL-ATA, docketed on January 2, 2008, OP proposes to apply the basic monthly line extension surcharges to new customers taking service at a premise that receives a line extension subsequent to the date this tariff becomes effective. The date through which these new customers will be billed the surcharges is December 31, 2008. Customers whose surcharges expire automatically on December 31, 2007, would not be impacted by this application.
- (5) Further, OP proposes to end the \$8.00 per month surcharge to non-development single family residential customers on December 31, 2008, aligning the end of the surcharge with the Company's distribution rate freeze.

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- (6) The Commission finds it reasonable to allow OP to revise its line extension tariffs to recover the monthly surcharges to the end of 2008 for line extension projects entered into after the tariff change becomes effective. We also agree that the December 31, 2008 expiration date for the \$8.00 per month for single family residences not in a development is reasonable in order to align that charge with the end of OP's distribution rate freeze. Therefore, the application should be granted.

It is, therefore.

ORDERED, That the application of Ohio Power Company is granted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the Applicant is authorized to file in final form four complete copies of tariffs consistent with this Finding and Order. Applicant shall file one copy in its TRF docket (or may make such filing electronically as directed in case No. 06-900-AU-WVR) and one copy in this case docket. The remaining two copies shall be designated for distribution to the Rates and Tariffs, Energy and Water Division of the Commission's Utilities Department. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the proposed tariffs shall be effective upon filing. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the Applicant shall notify all affected customers via a bill message or via a bill insert within 30 days of the effective date of the tariffs. A copy of the customer notice shall be submitted to the Commission's Service Monitoring and Enforcement Department, Reliability and Service Analysis Division, at least 10 days prior to its distribution to customers. It is, further,

ORDERED, That nothing in this Finding and Order shall be binding upon this Commission in any future proceeding or investigation involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule or regulation. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon the Applicant and all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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