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BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

JEFFREY H. MULLINS,
Complainant,

v.

AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER
Respondent

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Case No. 08-692-EL-CSS

COLUMBUS SOUTHERN POWER COMPANY'S
ANSWER

Columbus Southern Power Company (CSP), a subsidiary of American Electric Power Company, Inc., files this answer to the complaint filed June 10, 2008 in this docket.

An applicant for electric service does not become a customer of CSP until the applicant pays any amount owed to CSP from prior service to that applicant. When the complainant applied for service at the East 17th Avenue address CSP determined that there still exists a \$994.29 arrearage associated with service to an account in the complaint's name. The service was provided from August 1997 through May 2002 at 754 Avonia Drive, in Columbus.

The complainant has indicated to CSP that he was not living at the Avonia Drive address during the time the arrearage was incurred. CSP has advised the complainant that the arrearage would no longer be his responsibility if he provides CSP with proof of residency at some other address during this time along with a copy of a police report demonstrating that the complainant has filed a report contending that his identity (i.e.,

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his name) was unlawfully used to obtain electric service. To date, the complainant has provided neither.

Since the complainant has not met the requirements for establishing status as a customer, he is not entitled to service at the East 17th Avenue address; nor is the complainant entitled to the protection against service disconnection under §4901:1-10-19(C), Ohio Admin. Code.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the Columbus Southern Power Company's Answer was served upon the Complainant at the address shown below, via first class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, this 30th day of June 2008.



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