BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

<u>ENTRY</u>

In the Matter of the Proposal of FirstEnergy Service Company to Modify Its RTO Participation.)))	Case No. 09-778-EL-UNC
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The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On August 17, 2009, FirstEnergy Service Company (FirstEnergy), on behalf of six of its affiliates, including three electric distribution utilities and American Transmission Systems, Inc. (ATSI), which is a public utility in this state, filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in FERC Docket No. ER09-1589. If approved, the application would permit FirstEnergy to withdraw its transmission facilities from the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator (MISO) and transfer operational control to PJM Interconnection, Inc. (PJM). The application characterizes this transfer as RTO realignment.
- (2) The Commission seeks public comment upon the impact of the RTO realignment upon interested stakeholders in this state. Therefore, all interested stakeholders are invited to submit written comments on the proposed RTO realignment in this proceeding by September 25, 2009.
- (3) In addition, seven stakeholders are invited to participate in a presentation on the proposed RTO realignment before the Commission as part of the Commission meeting on September 15, 2009, at 9:30 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio. The six invited stakeholders are the FirstEnergy electric distribution utilities, ATSI, the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC), MISO, PJM, Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company (AEP-Ohio), and the Ohio Energy Group (OEG). These parties were identified as representative of a wide range of jurisdictional interests, including the applicants, residential consumers, industrial consumers, and other electric utilities. All other interested persons are encouraged to file written comments with the Commission and to participate in the FERC proceeding. Each participant will be given five minutes for

their presentation before the Commission, to be followed by an opportunity to answer questions posed by the Commission.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That written comments on the proposed RTO realignment be filed by September 25, 2009. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served on FirstEnergy, OCC, MISO, PJM, AEP-Ohio, and OEG and all parties of record in Case No. 08-935-EL-SSO.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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