

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Annual Verification of)
the Energy Efficiency and Peak Demand)
Reductions Achieved by the Electric) Case No. 12-665-EL-UNC
Distribution Utilities Pursuant to Section)
4928.66, Revised Code.)

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, The Dayton Power and Light Company, Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., Ohio Edison Company, Ohio Power Company, and The Toledo Edison Company (collectively, electric utilities) are public utilities, as defined in Section 4905.02, Revised Code, and, as such, are subject to the jurisdiction and general supervision of the Commission, in accordance with Sections 4905.04, 4905.05, and 4905.06, Revised Code.
- (2) Section 4928.66(B), Revised Code, requires the Commission to produce and docket an annual report containing the results of its verification of the annual levels of energy efficiency and of peak demand reductions achieved by each of the electric utilities and to provide a copy of the report to the Ohio Consumers' Counsel.
- (3) On January 27, 2010, in Case No. 09-512-GE-UNC (09-512), the Commission directed Staff to issue RFP No. EE-10-PES-01 in order to obtain a qualified engineering consultant to serve as the statewide Independent Program Evaluator (Evaluator).¹ The scope of work for the Evaluator included, but was not limited to, the following: (a) evaluating and validating the electric energy savings and peak demand reductions resulting from each approved electric utility program and mercantile customer activity; (b) determining program and portfolio cost-effectiveness; and (c) conducting some program process evaluations of energy efficiency programs.

¹ *In the Matter of Protocols for the Measurement and Verification of Energy Efficiency and Peak Demand Reduction Measures*, Case No. 09-512-GE-UNC, Entry (January 27, 2010).

- (4) By entry issued on March 17, 2010, in 09-512, the Commission selected ECONorthwest to serve as the Evaluator, authorized ECONorthwest to proceed with the project at the direction of Staff, and directed each of the electric utilities to enter into a contract with ECONorthwest to facilitate performance of, and payment for, the services required under RFP No. EE-10-PES-01.
- (5) By entry issued on February 23, 2012, in the above-captioned case, the Commission authorized Evergreen Economics (Evergreen) to take over as Evaluator from ECONorthwest and to carry out the terms of ECONorthwest's proposal, in light of the fact that the key personnel performing the work of the Evaluator had left ECONorthwest in order to form Evergreen, and given Evergreen's commitment to completion of all of the work described in ECONorthwest's RFP proposal. Additionally, the Commission directed the electric utilities to transfer their contracts with ECONorthwest to Evergreen, by March 31, 2012, for the purpose of providing payment for Evergreen's services.
- (6) On August 29, 2012, Staff filed, on behalf of Evergreen, a report containing the results of Evergreen's verification of the annual levels of energy efficiency and of peak demand reductions achieved by each of the electric utilities in 2009 and 2010.
- (7) In order to assist the Commission in its review of Evergreen's report, a comment period should be established. Interested persons are invited to file written comments with the Commission's docketing division by November 2, 2012. Reply comments should be filed by November 19, 2012.

It is, therefore,


ORDERED, That interested persons file comments on Evergreen's report in accordance with finding (7). It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon all regulated electric distribution utilities and all other interested persons of record.

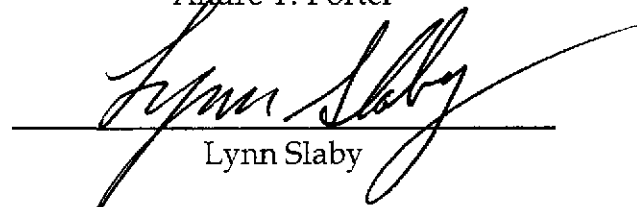
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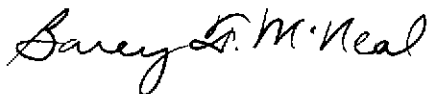

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