

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

Ohio Power Company's Application for)	
Approval of a Change in Bill Format)	Case No. 11-1354-EL-UNC
In the Matter of the Application of)	
Columbus Southern Power Company to)	
Establish New Experimental Real-Time)	Case No. 11-1355-EL-ATA
Pricing Schedule for Residential)	
Customers Participating in the)	
gridSMART Program)	

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) On September 18, 2012, Ohio Power Company (Ohio Power) filed an application for approval of a change in bill format, in accordance with Rule 4901:1-10-22(C). Ohio Power also requests the Commission approve its new RTB bill format on an expedited basis because the latest RTP tariff became effective with the first billing cycle in September.
- (2) Rule 4901:1-10-22(C), Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), provides that, if an application of sample bill approval is not acted upon within 45 calendar days, the sample shall be deemed approved.
- (3) Further, on September 27, 2012, Ohio Power filed an application for a waiver of Rule 4901:1-10-22(B)(8)(a) and (b), O.A.C..
- (4) Ohio Power is a public utility as defined in Section 4905.02, Revised Code, and, as such, Ohio is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (5) In its application, Ohio Power seeks to modify its real-time pricing (RTP) bill format and is requesting three changes, which are to include the customer's average 12-month consumption as required by Rule 4901:1-10-22(B)(23), O.A.C.; to remove the last sentence of the price-to-compare section; and to include the amount of KWh used for the service period.

- (6) In its application for a waiver, Ohio Power asserts that its Meter Data Management (MDM) system maintains all meter readings, and the MDM system has traditionally defined a day as 8:00 am to 8:00 am, whereas under Ohio Power's RTP service, a day is defined as midnight to midnight. Thus, using the beginning and ending meter readings for the MDM system for a RTP service customer's bill will not match the actual usage for that customer. To avoid confusion and to ensure accurate meter reading for those customers receiving RTP service, Ohio Power is requesting the waiver of Rule 4901:1-10-22(B)(8)(a) and (b), O.A.C., which requires the beginning and ending meter readings to be included on all customers bills.
- (7) Ohio Power further notes that RTP service customers can obtain meter usage detail on the gridSMARTohio.com website as noted on the revised RTP bill format.
- (8) The Commission must first consider Ohio Power's waiver application before considering its bill format application. Upon review of the waiver application, the Commission notes that using the current beginning and ending meter reading can produce confusion for the RTP service customers and that RTP service customers are able to view metered usage detail on the gridSMARTohio.com website. The Commission, therefore, finds that Ohio Power's application for a waiver of Rule 4901:1-10-22(B)(8)(a) and (b), O.A.C., is reasonable and should be granted.
- (9) Finally, upon review of Ohio Power's application for approval of its bill format, the Commission finds that the proposed bill format is reasonable and that the overall format is understandable. Therefore, Ohio Power's application should be approved.

It is, therefore,

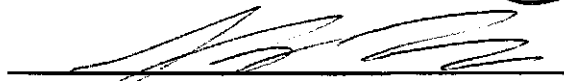
ORDERED, That the Ohio Power's application for a waiver filed on September 27, 2012, is approved. It is further,

ORDERED, That the amended bill format filed on September 18, 2012, is approved. It is further,

ORDERED, that a copy of this entry be serviced upon Ohio Power and all other interested persons of record.

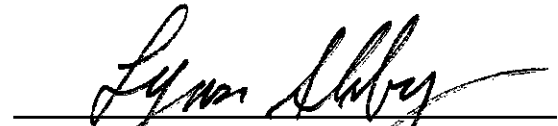
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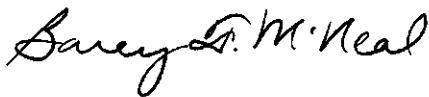

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