

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Commission's Review)	
of Ohio Power Company's Distribution)	Case No. 13-2394-EL-UNC
Investment Rider Plan.)	

MOTION TO INTERVENE OF THE OHIO HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section ("R.C.") 4903.221, Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Rule 4901-1-11, and the Attorney Examiner Entry dated December 17, 2013, the Ohio Hospital Association ("OHA") moves for leave to intervene in this proceeding. The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission") should grant OHA leave to intervene because OHA has a real and substantial interest in this proceeding, and the Commission's disposition of this proceeding may impair or impede OHA's ability to protect that interest.

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

On August 8, 2012, the Commission issued its opinion and order in Case No. 11-346-EL-SSO, et al. ("ESP Order"), which among other things, modified and approved Ohio Power Company's (hereinafter "AEP-Ohio") proposed Distribution Investment Rider ("DIR") for the replacement of the Company's aging infrastructure. On May 29, 2013, in Case No. 12-3129-EL-UNC, the Commission directed AEP Ohio to implement the DIR plan developed with Staff for 2013, in accordance with a number of specific terms outlined by the Commission. On December 16, 2013, AEP-Ohio filed its DIR plan for 2014.

The members of OHA located within the AEP-Ohio service territory will be affected by the Commission's determination in this matter, and should be permitted to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding because it has real and substantial interests.

The OHA is a private, nonprofit trade association with 213 hospitals, 55 of which are AEP-Ohio customers, and 22 healthcare system members that have more than 700 electricity accounts statewide. Collectively, OHA members annually spend well in excess of \$150 million for electric services—approximately \$4,500 a year for each staffed hospital bed. OHA's mission is to be a membership-driven organization that provides proactive leadership to create an environment in which Ohio hospitals are successful in serving their communities. Every hospital, or virtually every hospital, in AEP-Ohio's service area is a member of OHA and all OHA member hospitals are posted at <http://www.ohanet.org/Members>.

The OHA continues to be involved in efforts to enhance electric service reliability to its members through both its advocacy before the Commission and through informal cooperative discussions with Ohio's EDUs. The OHA is keenly interested in insuring that the ultimate resolution of the matters in this proceeding will have a substantial impact on the reliability of the electricity delivered to of OHA members. The OHA has a substantial interest in this proceeding that is not adequately addressed by any other party. OHA's participation will enhance the effectiveness of the above proceeding, will not unnecessarily cause delay, and will help ensure that the proceeding in this matter are fair to its membership.

Accordingly, OHA respectfully requests the Commission to determine that OHA has a real and substantial interest in this proceeding and should grant its Motion to Intervene pursuant to R.C. 4903.221 and OAC Rule 4901-1-11.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing Motion to Intervene was served upon the parties of record listed below this 8th day of January 2014 *via* electronic mail.



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