

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Verification of the 2012 )  
Energy Efficiency and Peak Demand )  
Reductions Achieved by the Electric ) Case No. 14-569-EL-EMV  
Distribution Utilities Pursuant to Section )  
4928.66, Revised Code. )

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) Ohio Power Company (OP or AEP); The Toledo Edison Company, Ohio Edison Company, and The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (jointly, FirstEnergy); The Dayton Power and Light Company (DP&L); and Duke Energy of Ohio, Inc. (Duke) (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. 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 (OCC).
- (2) By entry issued on March 17, 2010 in *In re Protocols for the Measurement and Verification of Energy Efficiency and Peak Demand Reduction Measures*, Case No. 09-512-GE-UNC, the Commission selected ECONorthwest as the statewide Independent Program Evaluator (Evaluator) to work at the direction of Staff, under contract with each of the electric utilities for payment of the services required under RFP No. EE-10-PES-01. The RFP provides that the selected consultant would be authorized to conduct work from 2010 to 2013 for the 2009 through 2012 program years with options to continue, assuming satisfactory work and budget performance (RFP No. EE-10-PES-01 issued January 27, 2010 at 1-1).
- (3) By entry issued on February 23, 2012, in *In re Verification of Energy Efficiency and Peak Demand Reductions*, Case No. 12-665-EL-UNC, the Commission authorized Evergreen Economics

(Evergreen) to replace ECONorthwest as Evaluator due to changes in personnel, and directed the electric utilities to transfer their contracts with ECONorthwest to Evergreen.

- (4) On May 12, 2014, Staff filed its recommendation that Evergreen's contracts with the electric utilities be extended for an additional year. Staff indicates that Evergreen has performed satisfactorily as Evaluator in the above-referenced prior proceedings. Further, Evergreen has agreed to freeze the hourly rate and eliminate some activities that were initially envisioned but are no longer necessary. The contracts will be extended to include the reimbursement of actual expenses incurred if testimony and a hearing is necessary, as well as the following activities:

Review of the FY2013 Portfolio Status Reports and all associated evaluation reports;

Replicate the savings number for each utility;

Conduct 25 on-sites of mercantile projects (which include a \$50,000 materials cost);

Review of the evaluation plans and survey instruments throughout the year from each utility;

Production of an Evaluator's report for the FY2013 utility programs.

- (5) Staff's recommendations will be adopted and the electric utilities are hereby authorized to extend their contracts with Evergreen, pursuant to RFP No. EE-10-PES-01 issued on January 27, 2010, for an additional one-year period for the work and maximum amount as set forth therein. Further, the electric utilities are directed to take any actions necessary for payment of Evergreen's services provided under such contract extensions.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the electric utilities' contracts with Evergreen, made pursuant to RFP No. EE-10-PES-01 issued on January 27, 2010, be extended for an additional one-year period for the work and amount set forth in the Staff recommendations filed on May 12, 2014. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the electric utilities take any actions necessary for payment of Evergreen's services provided under the approved contract extensions. It is, further,

ORDERED, That notice or a copy of this Entry be served via the electric-energy industry service list, and upon all electric utilities and interested persons of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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