

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Energy Efficiency and)	Case No. 14-0859-EL-EEC
Peak Demand Reduction Program)	14-0860-EL-EEC
Portfolio Status Report of Ohio Edison)	14-0861-EL-EEC
Company, The Cleveland Electric)	
Illuminating Company and The Toledo)	
Edison Company.)	

**MOTION TO INTERVENE
BY
THE OFFICE OF THE OHIO CONSUMERS' COUNSEL**

The Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel ("OCC") moves to intervene in this case where residential customers will be affected by the evaluation of the energy efficiency and peak demand reduction programs of Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and The Toledo Edison Company (together "First Energy" or "Utility").¹ OCC is filing on behalf of all the 1,858,000 residential utility customers of FirstEnergy. The reasons the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") should grant OCC's Motion are further set forth in the attached Memorandum in Support.

¹ See R.C. Chapter 4911, R.C. 4903.221 and Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-11.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

Residential customers will be affected in this case involving the review of the reasonableness and lawfulness of FirstEnergy’s energy efficiency and peak demand reduction portfolio programs that depend on active residential customer participation. OCC has authority under law to represent the interests of all the 1,858,000residential utility customers of First Energy, pursuant to R.C. Chapter 4911.

R.C. 4903.221 provides, in part, that any person “who may be adversely affected” by a PUCO proceeding is entitled to seek intervention in that proceeding. The interests of Ohio’s residential customers may be “adversely affected” by this case, especially if the customers were unrepresented in a proceeding in which First Energy’s energy efficiency and peak demand reduction savings and baselines are assessed and the benchmark requirements established under R.C. 4928.66 may be modified. The programs presented in the status report include FirstEnergy’s recent energy efficiency efforts, which involve significant residential customer participation. Thus, this element of the intervention standard in R.C. 4903.221 is satisfied.

R.C. 4903.221(B) requires the PUCO to consider the following criteria in ruling on motions to intervene:

- (1) The nature and extent of the prospective intervenor's interest;
- (2) The legal position advanced by the prospective intervenor and its probable relation to the merits of the case;
- (3) Whether the intervention by the prospective intervenor will unduly prolong or delay the proceeding; and
- (4) Whether the prospective intervenor will significantly contribute to the full development and equitable resolution of the factual issues.

First, the nature and extent of OCC's interest is representing the residential customers of First Energy in this case where their interest in programs related to controlling their energy usage and their costs are at issue. This interest is different than that of any other party and especially different than that of the utility whose advocacy includes the financial interest of stockholders.

Second, OCC's advocacy for residential customers will include advancing the position that energy efficiency and peak demand reduction programs for residential customers are appropriately accounted for, cost-effective, and properly maximize opportunities to achieve significant customer savings. OCC's position is therefore directly related to the merits of this case that is pending before the PUCO, the authority with regulatory control of energy efficiency and peak demand reduction programs in Ohio.

Third, OCC's intervention will not unduly prolong or delay the proceedings. OCC, with its longstanding expertise and experience in PUCO proceedings, will duly allow for the efficient processing of the case with consideration of the public interest.

Fourth, OCC's intervention will significantly contribute to the full development and equitable resolution of the factual issues. OCC will obtain and develop information

that the PUCO should consider for equitably and lawfully deciding the case in the public interest.

OCC also satisfies the intervention criteria in the Ohio Administrative Code (which are subordinate to the criteria that OCC satisfies in the Ohio Revised Code). To intervene, a party should have a “real and substantial interest” according to Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-11(A)(2). As the advocate for residential utility customers, OCC has a very real and substantial interest in this case involving FirstEnergy’s energy efficiency and peak demand programs and their effect on residential customers’ ability to control energy costs.

In addition, OCC meets the criteria of Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-11(B)(1)-(4). These criteria mirror the statutory criteria in R.C. 4903.221(B) that OCC already has addressed and that OCC satisfies.

Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-11(B)(5) states that the PUCO shall consider “The extent to which the person’s interest is represented by existing parties.” While OCC does not concede the lawfulness of this criterion, OCC satisfies this criterion in that it uniquely has been designated as the state representative of the interests of Ohio’s residential utility customers. That interest is different from, and not represented by, any other entity in Ohio.

Moreover, the Supreme Court of Ohio confirmed OCC’s right to intervene in PUCO proceedings, in deciding two appeals in which OCC claimed the PUCO erred by denying its interventions. The Court found that the PUCO abused its discretion in

denying OCC's interventions and that OCC should have been granted intervention in both proceedings.²

OCC meets the criteria set forth in R.C. 4903.221, Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-11, and the precedent established by the Supreme Court of Ohio for intervention. On behalf of Ohio residential customers, the PUCO should grant OCC's Motion to Intervene.

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² See *Ohio Consumers' Counsel v. Pub. Util. Comm.*, 111 Ohio St.3d 384, 2006-Ohio-5853, ¶¶13-20.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of this *Motion to Intervene* was served on the persons stated below *via* electronic transmission, this 9th day of June, 2014.

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