BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the Review of the Non-Market-Based Services Rider Contained in the Tariffs of Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and The Toledo Edison Company.

Case No. 14-542-EL-RDR

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and The Toledo Edison Company (collectively, FirstEnergy or the Companies) are public utilities as defined in R.C. 4905.02 and, as such, are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) On May 1, 2013, the Companies filed applications and tariff pages reflecting revisions to the Non-Market-Based Services Rider (NMB Rider) in order to comply with the Commission Order in the Companies' electric security plan, *In re Ohio Edison Co, Cleveland Elec. Illum. Co., and Toledo Edison Co. for Auth. to Provide for a Std. Serv. Offer Pursuant to R.C.* 4928.143, *Revised Code, in the Form of an Elec. Security Plan, Case No.* 12-1230-EL-SSO.
- (3) Thereafter, on June 5, 2014, the Commission's Staff filed its review and recommendations regarding the Companies' applications. In its review, Staff states that it reviewed the filings and believes the Companies have appropriately included in the NMB Rider only those costs and credits that were incurred as a result of serving its retail customers in Ohio, with the exception of the inclusion of \$33,858 in net metering expenses, plus carrying charges. Staff asserts that net metering is a distribution service and, consequently, should not be recovered through a transmission/ancillary service rider for approved Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and PJM Interconnection LLC costs. Therefore, Staff recommends the removal of net metering as an expense in the NMB Rider.

- On June 10, 2014, the Companies filed a response to (4)Staff's review and recommendations opposing Staff's recommendation for exclusion of \$33,858 in net metering expenses, plus carrying charges.
- Based upon the Staff's comments, the Commission finds that (5) the application filed in this proceeding may be unjust or unreasonable. The Commission notes that the issue of the net metering expenses remains under consideration. Nevertheless, until the Commission issues an Order addressing this issue, FirstEnergy should file its final tariffs consistent with Staff's review and recommendations. Accordingly, the Commission finds that FirstEnergy should file final tariffs in accordance with its applications, but without inclusion of \$33,858 in net metering expenses, plus carrying costs. Should the Commission determine in the subsequent Order to modify this amount, the Companies will be required to reconcile such an amount at that time.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the Companies' applications be approved, with the modification set forth in Finding (5). It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties of record in this proceeding.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO Thomas W. Johnson, Chairman Lynn Slab Steven D. Lesser

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