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BEFORE  
THE PUBUC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of Ohio Edison Company, :  
The Cleveland Electric Illuminating :  
Company and The Toledo Edison :  
Company for Authority to Provide for a :  
Standard Service Offer Pursuant to R.C. :  
4928.143 in the Form of an Electric :  
Security Plan. :

Case No. 14-1297-EL-SSO

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MOTION TO INTERVENE  
OF  
THE CLEVELAND MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

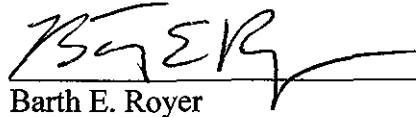
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By the above-styled application, Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and the Toledo Edison Company (collectively, "FirstEnergy") seek approval of a standard service offer ("SSO") in the form of an electric security plan ("ESP"). As more fully discussed in the accompanying memorandum, the Cleveland Municipal School District ("CMSD") has a real and substantial interest in this proceeding, and is so situated that the disposition of this proceeding may, as a practical matter, impair or impede its ability to protect that interest. Further, CMSD's interest in this proceeding is not represented by any existing party, and its participation in this proceeding will contribute to a just and expeditious resolution of the issues involved without unduly delaying the proceeding or unjustly prejudicing any existing party. Accordingly, CMSD hereby moves to intervene in this proceeding pursuant to Section 4903.221, Revised Code, and Rule 4901-1-11, Ohio Administrative Code.

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT  
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On August 4, 2014, The Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (“CEI”), and The Toledo Edison Company (collectively, “FirstEnergy”) filed the above-styled application seeking approval of a standard service offer (“SSO”) pursuant to Section 4928.141, Revised Code, by proposing to implement an electric security plan (“ESP”). Section 4903.221, Revised Code, provides that any “person who may be adversely affected by a public utilities commission proceeding may intervene in such proceeding.” CMSD is a political subdivision of the state of Ohio responsible for the operation of the public school system in the city of Cleveland, Ohio. CMSD operates some 100 school and administrative buildings, wherein it educates some 43,000 students. As a customer of CEI, CMSD may be adversely affected by the terms of the ESP ultimately approved as a result of FirstEnergy’s application in this case. Further, not only does CMSD satisfy the underlying statutory test for intervention in Commission proceedings, but it also satisfies the standards governing intervention set forth in the Commission’s rules.

Rule 4901-1-11(A), OAC, provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

(A) Upon timely motion, any person shall be permitted to intervene in a proceeding upon a showing that:

(2) The person has a real and substantial interest in the proceeding, and the person is so situated that the disposition of the proceeding may, as a practical matter, impair or impede his ability to protect that interest, unless the person's interest is adequately represented by existing parties.

As a customer of CEI, CMSD plainly has a real and substantial interest in a proceeding in which the Commission is being asked to determine rates and charges to which CMSD will or may be subject. At this juncture, none of the pending motions to intervene in this proceeding have been granted. Thus, by definition, no existing parties adequately represent CMSD's interest.

Although CMSD does not believe this to be a close question, each of the specific considerations that the Commission may, by rule, take into account in applying the Rule 4901-1-11(A)(2), OAC, standard, also fully support granting CMSD's motion to intervene. Rule 4901-1-11(B), OAC, provides as follows:

In deciding whether to permit intervention under paragraph (A)(2) of this rule, the commission, the legal director, the deputy legal director, or an attorney examiner case shall consider:

- (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 proceedings.
- (4) Whether the prospective intervenor will significantly contribute to full development and equitable resolution of the factual issues.
- (5) The extent to which the person's interest is represented by existing parties.

First, as previously explained, CMSD's interest in connection with the proposals set forth in the application is obviously direct and substantial. Second, although CMSD must complete its review and analysis of the application before determining the specific positions it will adopt with respect to the issues in this proceeding, CMSD will certainly advocate that the terms of the ESP adopted as a result of this proceeding be fair, reasonable, non-discriminatory, and designed to promote competition. Third, CMSD's motion has been filed well in advance of the October 1, 2014 intervention deadline. Thus, granting CMSD's motion to intervene will not unduly delay or prolong the proceeding. Fourth, although the extent of CMSD's participation is yet to be determined, CMSD's presence will contribute to a fair and equitable result that is in the public interest. Finally, not only are there no existing parties that represent CMSD's interest, but it would be inconsistent with the Commission's stated policy "to encourage the broadest possible participation in its proceedings"<sup>1</sup> to deny CMSD's motion to intervene. Thus, granting CMSD intervenor status is consistent with all the considerations set out in Rule 4901-1-11(B), OAC.

WHEREFORE, CMSD respectfully requests that the Commission grant its motion to intervene.

Respectfully submitted,



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