BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Amendment of) Chapters 4901:1-10 and 4901:1-21,) Ohio Administrative Code, Regarding) Electric Companies, and Competitive) Retail Electric Service, to Implement) 2014 Sub. S.B. No. 310.

Case No. 14-1411-EL-ORD

<u>ENTRY</u>

The Commission finds:

- (1)On May 28, 2014, the General Assembly passed Sub.S.B. No. 310 (S.B. 310), which became effective on September 12, 2014. S.B. 310, inter alia, amended provisions in R.C. Chapter 4928, which governs the alternative energy portfolio standard rules and regulations. Additionally, amended R.C. 4928.65 directs the Commission to adopt rules governing the disclosure to customers of the costs of the renewable energy resource, energy efficiency savings, and peak demand reduction requirements of R.C. 4928.64 and 4928.66. In light of amended R.C. 4928.65, this proceeding was opened on August 15, 2014, specifically to establish rules regarding bill disclosures found in Ohio Adm.Code Chapters 4901:1-10 and 4901:1-21, which govern electric companies and competitive retail electric service (CRES) providers.
- (2) On October 15, 2014, the Commission issued proposed rules for comment. The proposed rules included a new rule, Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-10-35, which governs the required cost disclosures regarding electric distribution utilities (EDUs), and a new rule, Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-21-19, which governs the required cost disclosures regarding CRES providers.
- (3) Consistent with the directive in S.B. 310 that the Commission issue rules no later than January 1, 2015, on

December 17, 2014, the Commission issued its Finding and Order approving the proposed rules in Ohio Adm.Code Chapters 4901:1-10 and 4901:1-21. In the Finding and Order, in response to requests from multiple stakeholders for time to make programming and administrative changes in response to the rules, the Commission determined 90 days was sufficient for EDUs and CRES providers to implement the rule requirements following the effective date of the rules. Further, the Commission recognized that some EDUs might potentially require additional time due to variances in billing systems, and found that, consequently, EDUs may request temporary waivers of the rule if such EDUs can demonstrate that additional time is necessary. Additionally, in the Finding and Order, the Commission ordered that the proposed rules be approved and filed with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR), and that the final rules be effective on the earliest date permitted.

- (4) Subsequently, on July 1, 2015, the Commission granted, in part, several applications for rehearing, and denied an application for rehearing. Additionally, on August 26, 2015, the Commission issued an Entry on Rehearing denying a second application for rehearing.
- (5) The Commission filed final file the rules with JCARR on November 30, 2015, with an effective date of December 11, 2015. Consequently, the Commission reiterates that EDUs and CRES providers have 90 days from December 11, 2015, to implement the requirements in the new rules, Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-10-35 and 4901:1-21-19.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That EDUs and CRES providers comply with the directives in Finding (5). It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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