

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of The )  
Dayton Power and Light Company for ) Case No. 14-2043-EL-UNC  
Approval of a Revised Bill Format for )  
Electric Service. )

In the Matter of the Application of The )  
Dayton Power and Light Company for ) Case No. 14-2042-EL-AAM  
Approval of Certain Accounting )  
Authority. )

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) The Dayton Power and Light Company (DP&L) is a public utility, as defined in R.C. 4905.02, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) On November 21, 2014, DP&L filed an application for approval of a revised bill format for electric service and for approval of certain accounting authority. In its application, DP&L proposed to add logos of certified retail electric service (CRES) providers to customer bills, to standardize the price-to-compare language, to divide the charges between supply and delivery charges, and to provide additional bill enhancements. DP&L asserted that its application was filed pursuant to the Commission's Order in Case No. 12-3151-EL-COI. *In re Comm.'s Investigation of Ohio's Retail Elec. Service Market*, Case No. 12-3151-EL-COI, Finding and Order (Mar. 26, 2014) at 25-32.
- (3) By Entry issued on December 23, 2014, the attorney examiner suspended the 45-day automatic approval process for DP&L's application in order for the Commission and its Staff to further review the application.
- (4) On April 8, 2015, the Commission granted a motion to intervene filed by the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC).

- (5) On February 27, 2015, DP&L filed an amended application for approval of a revised bill format for electric service and for approval of certain accounting authority. Among other things, DP&L requested approval to defer expenses related to the bill format changes, and estimated the expenses to be approximately \$500,000.
- (6) On March 17, 2015, Staff filed its Review and Recommendations regarding DP&L's application. Staff asserted that DP&L's proposed bill format complied with Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-10-33, 4901:1-10-22, and recommended that the Commission approve DP&L's proposed bill format.
- (7) By Finding and Order issued on April 8, 2015, the Commission found that DP&L's application for approval of a revised bill format for electric service, as filed on November 21, 2014, and amended on February 27, 2015, was reasonable and should be approved. Additionally, the Commission found that DP&L's application for deferral authority, not to exceed \$500,000, was reasonable and should be granted consistent with Staff's recommendations.
- (8) Thereafter, on May 8, 2015, DP&L filed an application for rehearing arguing that the deferral cost cap threshold was established based upon a good-faith estimate of approximate costs provided by DP&L at the time of filing, but imposition of the \$500,000 cap would prevent DP&L from recovering prudently incurred costs associated with the new bill format. On May 18, 2015, OCC filed a memorandum contra to DP&L's application for rehearing.
- (9) On June 3, 2015, the Commission issued an entry on rehearing granting, in part, and denying, in part, the assignment of error raised by DP&L in its application for rehearing. The Commission found that DP&L failed to provide support for how it arrived at its estimate and that DP&L should file a supplemental application that supports an updated estimate of the cost to make the required bill format changes. Additionally, the Commission found that Staff should file a Staff Review and Recommendation on the

appropriate amount of deferral based upon DP&L's supplemental application.

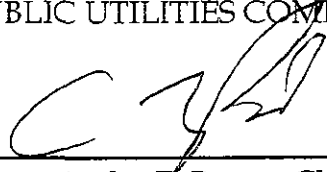
- (10) In accordance with the Commission's Entry on Rehearing, DP&L filed its supplemental application on August 25, 2015. DP&L's supplemental application estimated the expenses for the revised bill format at approximately \$578,000.
- (11) On August 27, 2015, Staff filed its Review and Recommendation on DP&L's supplemental application. Staff asserts that DP&L's supplemental application is reasonable and recommends that the Commission approved DP&L's supplemental application.
- (12) Thereafter, on September 16, 2015, OCC filed comments on DP&L's supplemental application. OCC requests that the Commission deny DP&L's application to defer \$577,990. OCC argues that DP&L still failed to support its deferral request with work papers, spreadsheets, testimony, or descriptions of the costs of implementing the revised bill format. OCC asserts that without more record support, the Commission has no basis to determine that DP&L's deferral request is just and reasonable.
- (13) The Commission has reviewed DP&L's supplemental application, Staff's Review and Recommendation, and OCC's comments and finds that the supplemental application is reasonable and should be approved. With respect to OCC's claim that the Commission has no basis to determine that the deferral request is just and reasonable, the Commission notes that recovery of the deferral amount is not guaranteed, as the determination of reasonableness of the deferred amounts and the recovery thereof will be addressed in a future proceeding. Accordingly, the Commission finds that DP&L's application for deferral authority should be approved, not to exceed \$580,000. Further, the Commission finds that it is not necessary to hold a hearing in this matter.

It is, therefore,

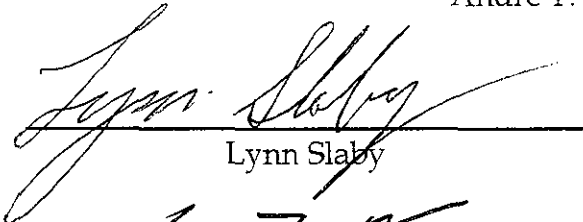
ORDERED, That DP&L's supplemental application for approval of a revised bill format, and for certain accounting authority, be approved, in accordance with Finding (13). It is, further,

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

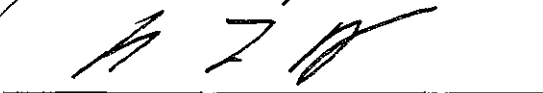
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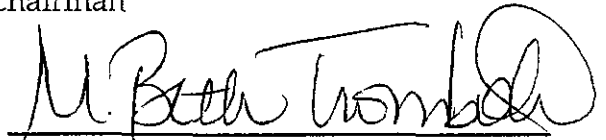
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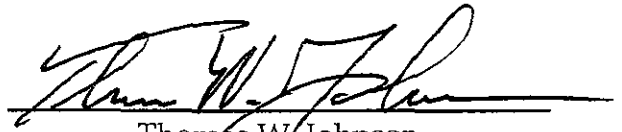
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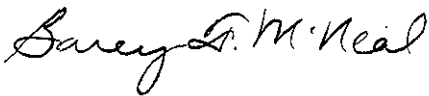


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