## **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Complaint of Hagia Sheikh,	)
Complainant,	)
v.	) Case No. 15-1193-EL-CSS
Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio,	)
Respondent.	)

## **ENTRY**

## The Commission finds:

- (1) Pursuant to R.C. 4905.26, the Commission has authority to consider written complaints filed against a public utility by any person or corporation regarding any rate, service, regulation, or practice relating to any service furnished by the public utility that is in any way respect unjust, unreasonable, insufficient, or unjustly discriminatory.
- (2) Respondent, Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio (AEP Ohio), is a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02 and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (3) On June 24, 2015, Complainant, Hagia Sheikh, filed a complaint against AEP Ohio, alleging that, in March 2015, she received an unexplained and unreasonably large bill for electric utility service from AEP Ohio which, she feels, should be reassessed.
- (4) On July 8, 2015, AEO Ohio filed its answer, denying all of the allegations of the complaint and raising several affirmative defenses.
- (5) A settlement conference occurred on November 16, 2015, at which, reportedly, a tentative settlement between the parties was reached.

(6) On November 25, 2015, Respondent filed, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901-9-01(F), a motion to dismiss this case with prejudice, on grounds that it has been settled.

- (7) Ohio Adm.Code 4901-9-01(F) provides that, if the public utility complained against files an answer or motion which asserts that the complaint has been satisfied and no response is filed within 20 days, the Commission may presume that satisfaction has occurred and dismiss the complaint. No response to AEP Ohio's motion to dismiss has been filed.
- (8) Accordingly, the Commission finds that Respondent's motion should be granted and this case should be dismissed.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Respondent's motion be granted, and this case be dismissed with prejudice and closed of record. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon each party of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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