

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Edison                     )  
Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating                     ) Case No. 16-560-EL-ATA  
Company and the Toledo Edison Company for                     )  
Tariff Modification   )

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**Staff Findings and Recommendation**

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**I. Statutory Background**

On December 4, 2013, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) adopted amended rules for electric generator interconnection service and standards, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) 4928.06 and 4928.11(A), as well as the State of Ohio's five-year rule review procedures. The amended rules, which are contained within Ohio Administrative Code (Ohio Adm.Code) 4901:1-22, subsequently became effective on July 10, 2014.

Specifically, R.C. 4928.11(A) provides:

For the protection of consumers in this state, the public utilities commission shall adopt rules under division (A) of section 4928.06 of the Revised Code that specify minimum service quality, safety, and reliability requirements for noncompetitive retail electric services supplied by an electric utility in this state, to the extent such authority is not preempted by federal law. The rules shall include prescriptive standards for inspection, maintenance, repair, and replacement of the transmission and distribution systems of electric utilities; shall apply to each substantial type of transmission or distribution equipment or facility; shall establish uniform interconnection standards to ensure transmission and distribution system safety and reliability and shall otherwise provide for high quality, safe, and reliable electric service; shall include standards for operation, reliability, and safety during periods of emergency and disaster; and shall include voltage standards for efficient operation of single-phase motors. The rules regarding interconnection shall seek to prevent barriers to new

technology and shall not make compliance unduly burdensome or expensive. When questions arise about specific equipment to meet interconnection standards, the commission shall initiate proceedings open to the public to solicit comments from all interested parties. Additionally, rules under this division shall include nondiscriminatory metering standards.

According to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-22-02(B), the interconnection service tariff filing requirement of each PUCO-regulated electric distribution utility (EDU) in the State of Ohio is as follows:

Each EDU in the state of Ohio shall file uniform interconnection service tariffs for commission review and approval pursuant to division (A) of section 4928.11 of the Revised Code that includes the procedures and technical requirements set forth in this chapter for interconnection service on a first-come, first-served basis.

## **II. The Companies' Filings Summarized**

On March 31, 2016, Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company and the Toledo Edison Company (the Companies) filed an application to modify their interconnection service tariffs in response to the amended rules. The Companies included copies of their current tariffs marked "deleted," and clean versions of the proposed tariffs in the filing.

## **III. Filed Comments**

No persons filed comments in this proceeding.

## **IV. Staff Findings**

Following its review of the Companies' proposed interconnection tariffs and any timely comments submitted in this proceeding, Staff makes the following findings:

- (1) The Companies are EDUs in Ohio, and therefore the Companies had tariff filing obligations in response to the amended Ohio interconnection service rules.
- (2) The Companies filed interconnection tariffs on March 31, 2016.

- (3) Following a review of the revised tariffs, Staff confirmed that the Companies have satisfied the interconnection service tariff filing requirement.

## **V. Staff Recommendation**

Following its review of the information submitted in this proceeding and other relevant data, Staff recommends that the Commission approve the Companies' interconnection service tariff application, as filed on March 31, 2016.

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