THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT PETITION OF OHIO EDISON COMPANY AND LORAIN-MEDINA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE REQUESTING REVISION TO TERRITORIAL BOUNDARY MAP.

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CASE NO. 16-2028-EL-PEB

FINDING AND ORDER

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I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} In this case, the Commission grants the joint petition of Ohio Edison Company and Lorain-Medina Rural Electric Cooperative to reallocate their service territories.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Ohio Edison Company (OE) and Lorain-Medina Rural Electric Cooperative (LMRE) are electric suppliers as defined in R.C. 4933.81. By Entries issued in Case No. 78-1311-EL-ORD, the Commission certified the territories of OE and LMRE.

{¶ 3} Pursuant to R.C. 4933.83(E), two or more electric suppliers may jointly petition the Commission to reallocate their service territories and electric load centers. In their petition, the electric suppliers shall designate which portion of their territories and electric load centers will be served by each electric supplier.

{¶ 4} On October 14, 2016, OE and LMRE jointly petitioned the Commission to reallocate their service territories in Ashland County, Orange Township, Ohio. Specifically, they request the following relocation:

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On Quadrangle map G-21, OE is acquiring territory from LMRE. Beginning at a point with the coordinates of 82 15.776'W, 40 58.336'N, marking the corner of LMREs service territory, thence westerly along the current territory line a distance of 900 feet to a point with the coordinates of 82 15.971'W, 40°58.336'N, thence northerly along the proposed service territory line a distance of 600 feet to a point with the coordinates of 82 15.971'W, 40 58.431'N, thence easterly along the proposed service territory line a distance of 900 feet to a point with the coordinates of 82 15.971'W, 40 58.431'N, 40 58.431'N., thence southerly along the current LMRE service territory line to the point of beginning and containing 12.3967 acres. -2-

{¶ 5} In support of their petition, OE and LMRE explain that OE is acquiring this area in order to provide service to a new home located in Ashland, Ohio. OE and LMRE claim that, as the proposed service will be located approximately 500 feet from OE facilities, it is impracticable and uneconomic for LMRE to provide service to this address.

{¶ **6}** No objections have been filed to the joint petition for reallocation.

{¶ 7} The Commission finds that granting the requested relief will promote the purposes of R.C. 4933.81 to 4933.90, and will further promote the provision of adequate service to all territories and electric load centers affected by the relocation as required by R.C 4933.83(E). Accordingly, the Commission finds that the joint petition is reasonable and should be approved.

{¶ 8} The Commission, therefore, directs that the territorial boundaries of OE and LMRE be appropriately modified as delineated in the joint petition and the maps of the certified territories be amended accordingly.

III. ORDER

{¶ 9} It is, therefore,

 $\{\P 10\}$ ORDERED, That the request of OE and LMRE to relocate their territory boundaries be granted. It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That the change on quadrangle map G-21, described in the joint petition, be approved to show the boundary line change. It is, further,

 $\{\P 12\}$ ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon each party of record.

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