

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROCUREMENT
OF PERCENTAGE OF INCOME PAYMENT
PLAN PROGRAM GENERATION FOR
CUSTOMERS OF OHIO EDISON
COMPANY, THE CLEVELAND ELECTRIC
ILLUMINATING COMPANY, AND THE
TOLEDO EDISON COMPANY.

CASE No. 16-936-EL-UNC

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROCUREMENT
OF PERCENTAGE OF INCOME PAYMENT
PLAN PROGRAM GENERATION FOR
CUSTOMERS OF DUKE ENERGY OHIO,
INC.

CASE No. 16-940-EL-UNC

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROCUREMENT
OF PERCENTAGE OF INCOME PAYMENT
PLAN PROGRAM GENERATION FOR
CUSTOMERS OF OHIO POWER
COMPANY.

CASE No. 16-1031-EL-UNC

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROCUREMENT
OF PERCENTAGE OF INCOME PAYMENT
PLAN PROGRAM GENERATION FOR
CUSTOMERS OF DAYTON POWER AND
LIGHT COMPANY.

CASE No. 17-1163-EL-UNC

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on May 4, 2017

{¶ 1} Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and The Toledo Edison Company (collectively, FirstEnergy), Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke), Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio (AEP Ohio), and Dayton Power and Light Company (DP&L) are electric distribution utilities as defined in R.C. 4928.01(A)(6) and public utilities as defined in R.C. 4905.02 and, as such, are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 2} R.C. 4928.54 and 4928.544 require the director of development services to aggregate percentage of income payment plan (PIPP) program customers for the purpose

of establishing a competitive procurement process for the supply of competitive retail electric service for those customers, which shall be an auction. Additionally, pursuant to the written request by the director of development services, the Commission shall design, manage, and supervise the competitive procurement process.

{¶ 3} By Order issued on March 2, 2016, in Case No. 16-247-EL-UNC, the Commission adopted a competitive request for proposal (RFP) auction process to procure generation supply to serve the PIPP load. The Commission found that the process satisfies the requirements in R.C. 4928.542 to ensure reliable electric service to PIPP customers, reduces the cost of the PIPP program relative to the otherwise applicable SSO, and results in the best value for persons paying the universal service rider. *In re the Implementation of Sections 4928.54 and 4928.544 of the Revised Code*, Case No. 16-247-EL-UNC, Finding and Order (Mar. 2, 2016).

{¶ 4} Accordingly, each utility, in consultation with Staff and an independent auction manager, accepted bids for the initial competitive RFPs. The competitive RFP auctions procured supply for the PIPP load for the June 1, 2017, to May 31, 2018 delivery period. After each auction, a consultant retained by the Commission to monitor the RFP auctions submitted reports regarding the conduct of the auctions. These reports consisted of confidential versions, filed under seal, and redacted versions of the reports, which are publicly available in this docket.

{¶ 5} In separate Finding and Orders, the Commission found that the reports did not contain any evidence that the auctions violated the RFP bidding process and accepted the results of each utility's competitive RFP auction. Specifically, FirstEnergy's auction results were approved on February 8, 2017; Duke's auction results were approved on April 12, 2017; AEP Ohio's results were approved on April 26, 2017; and, finally, DP&L's auction results were approved on May 3, 2017.

{¶ 6} Additionally, in the Orders, the Commission noted that the reports contained sensitive information which should be deemed confidential and remain under seal. The Commission found that the winning bid prices should remain confidential until all of the scheduled RFP auctions for the delivery year were completed. Thus, with the approval of DP&L's auction results on May 3, 2017, all of the scheduled RFP auctions have concluded and the winning bid prices should be released. Accordingly, Staff is directed to file updated reports that include the winning bid prices.

{¶ 7} It is, therefore,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That the winning bid prices from each utility's RFP auction be released. It is, further,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That Staff file updated reports in accordance with paragraph 6. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon each party of record.

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s/Nicholas Walstra

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry directing the winning bid prices from each utility's RFP auction be released and directing Staff file updated reports in accordance with Paragraph 6. - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Nicholas Walstra, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio