

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT
APPLICATION OF VADATA, INC. AND
OHIO POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL
OF A UNIQUE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ARRANGEMENT.

CASE NO. 17-1827-EL-AEC

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on October 5, 2017

{¶ 1} Pursuant to R.C. 4905.31 and Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-38-03, an electric utility may file an application for Commission approval for a unique economic development arrangement between the electric utility and a new or expanding customer or group of customers. Additionally, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-38-05(A), an electric utility may file an application for Commission approval of a unique arrangement with one or more of the electric utility's customers.

{¶ 2} On September 1, 2017, Vadata, Inc. (Vadata) filed a joint application with Ohio Power Company (AEP Ohio) for approval of a unique economic development arrangement to provide competitive electrical costs billed by AEP Ohio. Vadata requests a 120-month term. In its application, Vadata indicates that it is a wholly owned subsidiary and operating segment of Amazon.com, Inc. According to Vadata, it plans to invest hundreds of millions of dollars by developing three properties as campuses for cloud computing data centers. It asserts that the combined direct and indirect effects of its investment could create thousands of new jobs in Ohio and hundreds of millions of dollars in new regional income and GDP in Ohio.

{¶ 3} On September 8, 2017, the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) and Industrial Energy Users-Ohio filed motions to intervene. On September 21, 2017, the Ohio Manufacturers' Association Energy Group (OMAEG) filed a motion to intervene. Additionally, it also filed comments regarding Vadata's application for a unique economic development arrangement. No party filed a memorandum contra to any of the motions to intervene. The attorney examiner finds that the motions to intervene are reasonable and grants them.

{¶ 4} On September 22, 2017, the OCC filed public comments regarding Vadata's application for a unique economic development arrangement. It also filed a motion for protective order and confidential comments. The OCC filed motions for leave with both the public and confidential comments as it filed them beyond the comment period deadline of September 21, 2017. The OCC asserts that it originally electronically filed its comments by September 21, 2017, but a scanning error led PUCO docketing to reject the filing. Upon review, the attorney examiner finds that the motions for leave are reasonable and grants them.

{¶ 5} The attorney examiner finds that a hearing should be held in order to consider Vadata's application. Accordingly, this matter should be set for hearing on November 14, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-D, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

{¶ 6} It is, therefore,

{¶ 7} ORDERED, That the motions to intervene and motions for leave filed in this matter are granted. It is, further,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That a hearing in this matter be held in accordance with Paragraph (5). It is, further,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

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/s/ Anna Sanyal

By: Anna Sanyal
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry granting motions to intervene and motions for leave and scheduling a hearing for November 14, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.; electronically filed by Vesta R Miller on behalf of Anna Sanyal, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio