

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO FOR INTEGRATION
OF MERCANTILE CUSTOMER ENERGY
EFFICIENCY OR PEAK-DEMAND
REDUCTION PROGRAMS WITH THE TOLEDO
EDISON COMPANY.

CASE NO. 15-489-EL-EEC

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on February 21, 2018

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} In this Finding and Order, the Commission denies the application filed by the University of Toledo for integration of its streetlight upgrade project with the energy efficiency and peak-demand reduction programs of the Toledo Edison Company.

II. APPLICABLE LAW

{¶ 2} The Toledo Edison Company (TEC or Company) is an electric distribution utility as defined in R.C. 4928.01(A)(6), and a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02 and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 3} R.C. 4928.01(A)(19) defines a mercantile customer as a commercial or industrial customer that consumes more than 700,000 kilowatt hours of electricity per year or that is part of a national account involving multiple facilities in one or more states. R.C. 4928.66 imposes certain energy efficiency and peak demand reduction requirements upon Ohio's electric distribution utilities, but also enables mercantile customers to commit their peak demand reduction, demand response, and energy efficiency (EE/PDR) programs for integration with the electric utility's programs in order to meet the statutory requirements. Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-39-05(G) permits a mercantile customer to file, either individually or jointly with an electric utility, an application to commit the customer's EE/PDR programs for integration with the electric utility's programs, pursuant to R.C. 4928.66.

{¶ 4} On July 17, 2013, the Commission adopted a pilot program (EEC Pilot) in Case No. 10-834-EL-POR to expedite the review and approval process for applications filed by mercantile customers under Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-39-05(G) until such time as the provisions of the EEC Pilot are codified in Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-39. The EEC Pilot is intended to simplify the application process through the use of a standard application template for mercantile customers who commit their programs for integration with an electric utility, and includes an automatic approval process whereby applications conforming to the standard template are deemed to be approved 60 days after filing, unless suspended or otherwise ordered by the Commission or an attorney examiner.

III. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

{¶ 5} On March 11, 2015, the University of Toledo (UT or Customer) filed an application, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-39-05(G), to integrate the energy savings provided by the Customer's Main Campus Relamping project with TEC's EE/PDR programs.

{¶ 6} On April 20, 2015, the attorney examiner issued an entry suspending the automatic approval process under the EEC Pilot to provide Staff with additional time to review of the application.

{¶ 7} On May 18, 2015, Staff filed its report recommending that the application be denied. Staff notes that the application requests exemption from TE's EE/PDR rider, but that the project savings would only result in an exemption for 19 days. Staff recommends that the Commission deny this application because the project savings do not meet the minimum electrical savings requirement needed to exempt the customer for one month. Rather, Staff recommends that the Customer refile this project in combination with other projects in order to meet the one-month minimum threshold.

IV. DISCUSSION

{¶ 8} Upon review of the application and Staff's recommendations, this application will be denied as the project savings are not sufficient to exempt the Customer from payment of TE's EE/PDR rider for one month. Accordingly, this application should be denied.

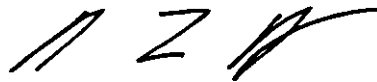
V. ORDER

{¶ 9} It is, therefore,

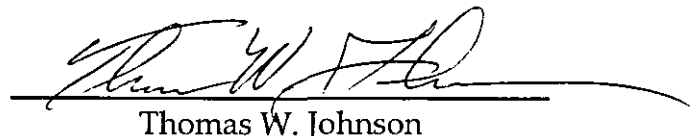
{¶ 10} ORDERED, That this application be denied. It is, further,

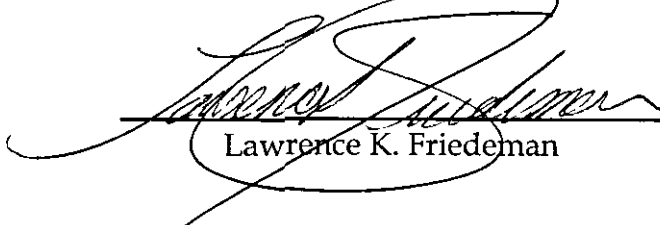
{¶ 11} ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties of record.

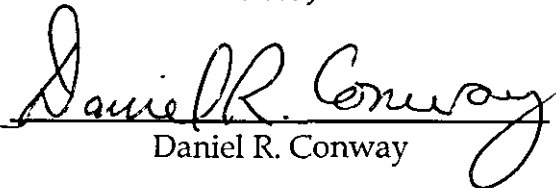
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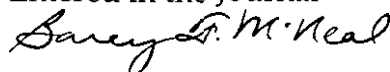
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