THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE DAYTON POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY FOR AN INCREASE IN ITS ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION RATES.

CASE NO. 15-1830-EL-AIR

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE DAYTON POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY FOR ACCOUNTING AUTHORITY.

CASE NO. 15-1831-EL-AAM

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE DAYTON POWER AND LIGHTS COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF REVISED TARIFFS.

CASE NO. 15-1832-EL-ATA

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on July 25, 2018

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission grants the change order request submitted by Blue Ridge Consulting Services, Inc. on May 25, 2018.

II. DISCUSSION

- {¶ 2} The Dayton Power and Light Company (DP&L) is an electric light company and a public utility as defined by R.C. 4905.03(C) and R.C. 4905.02, respectively. As such, DP&L is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to R.C. 4905.04, 4905.05, and 4905.06.
- {¶ 3} After filing an October 30, 2015 notice of intent, DP&L filed an application seeking Commission authority to increase its rates for electric distribution service pursuant to R.C. 4909.18, 4909.19, and 4909.43 on November 30, 2015. By Entry dated January 27, 2016, the Commission found that the application met the requirements of R.C.

4909.17 and 4909.19, as well as those set forth in Ohio Adm.Code 4901-7-01 and its Appendix, and accepted the application as of the November 30, 2015 filing date.

- {¶ 4} On March 22, 2017, the Commission issued an Entry directing Staff to issue a request for proposal (RFP) for the audit services necessary for review of the application. By Entry dated April 19, 2017, the Commission selected Blue Ridge Consulting Services, Inc. (Blue Ridge) to conduct the audit. The April 19, 2017 Entry instructed DP&L to enter into a contract with Blue Ridge for the purpose of payment for auditing services and provided that the contract incorporate the terms and conditions of the RFP, the auditor's proposal, and relevant Commission entries.
- {¶ 5} In correspondence filed May 25, 2018, Blue Ridge submitted a change order request seeking additional funds to cover costs and expenses not included in its proposed budgets. Blue Ridge informs the Commission that it expended over 100 hours on non-proposed, unexpected, and beyond-its-control pre-hearing activities, which exhausted the budget for anticipated hearing activities. Thus, when hearing-related activities became necessary, so too did a change order. Blue Ridge further states that although it spent more than 100 hours on unexpected activities, the change order request reflects only the 66.5 hours originally proposed for hearing related activities for professional hours and at-cost expenses, which total \$14,647.50.
- {¶ 6} On June 6, 2018, Staff filed its Review and Recommendations with regard to Blue Ridge's change order request. Therein, Staff states that it is not opposed to the change order.
- {¶ 7} Upon consideration of the above, the Commission finds that Blue Ridge's change order request is reasonable and should be granted.

III. **ORDER**

- It is, therefore, {**¶ 8**}
- ORDERED, That Blue Ridge's change order request be granted. It is, further,
 - {¶ 10} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

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