

# THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

**IN THE MATTER OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE  
FOR BASELINE REDUCTIONS TO EXCLUDE  
MERCANTILE CUSTOMERS.**

**CASE NO. 19-2031-EL-UNC**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
OHIO POWER COMPANY TO UPDATE ITS  
ALTERNATIVE ENERGY RIDER AND  
AUCTION COST RECONCILIATION RIDER.**

**CASE NO. 15-1052-EL-RDR**

## **SECOND FINDING AND ORDER**

Entered in the Journal on December 18, 2019

### **I. SUMMARY**

{¶ 1} In this Finding and Order, the Commission approves the revised tariffs for the alternative energy rider, as proposed by the electric distribution utilities.

### **II. DISCUSSION**

{¶ 2} The 133rd Ohio General Assembly adopted Amended Substitute House Bill No. 6, effective October 22, 2019 (HB6). Among other things, HB6 directs the Commission to reduce the baselines for electric distribution utilities (EDUs) and electric service companies (ESCs) by excluding the load and usage of mercantile customers that are registered as self-assessing purchasers under R.C. 5727.81(C) to facilitate competitiveness of those customers. R.C. 4928.644(B); R.C. 4928.643. Upon the reduction, EDUs and ESCs will be relieved from the amount of compliance with renewable energy requirements under R.C. 4928.64 that would be required but for the reduction. Further, such self-assessing mercantile customers will also be exempt from any bypassable charge imposed for compliance with renewable energy requirements under R.C. 4928.64. R.C. 4928.644.

{¶ 3} By Finding and Order dated November 21, 2019, the Commission opened the above-captioned proceeding in order to establish January 1, 2020 as the effective date for the reduction of the baselines. We also directed the EDUs to file proposed revised alternative energy rider tariff language, consistent with this Entry, by December 5, 2019.

{¶ 4} On November 27, 2019, Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio filed its proposed tariff revision in Case No. 15-1052-EL-RDR. On December 5, 2019, Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and The Toledo Edison Company filed their proposed tariff revisions in this proceeding. Finally, on December 6, 2019, the Dayton Power and Light Company filed its proposed tariff revision in this proceeding.

{¶ 5} On December 11, 2019, Staff filed a review and recommendation in this matter. Staff states that it reviewed the filings made by the EDUs and concludes that the revised tariff language is consistent with the R.C. 4928.644(B). Therefore, Staff recommends the Commission accept the revised tariff language proposed by each of the EDUs.

{¶ 6} Upon review of the language submitted by the EDUs and Staff's review and recommendation, we find that the revised tariffs submitted by the EDUs are consistent with R.C. 4928.644(B) and do not appear to be unjust and unreasonable. Additionally, the Commission finds that it is unnecessary to hold a hearing in this matter. Accordingly, the revised tariffs should be approved, as proposed.

### III. ORDER

{¶ 7} It is, therefore,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That revised tariffs submitted by the EDUs should be approved, as proposed. It is, further,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That the EDUs be authorized to file, in final form, two complete copies of their revised alternative energy rider tariffs, consistent with this Second Finding and Order. The EDUs shall file one copy in their respective TRF dockets and one copy in Case No. 19-2013-EL-UNC. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That the effective date of the tariffs shall be January 1, 2020. It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That nothing in this Second Finding and Order shall be binding upon this Commission in any future proceeding or investigation involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule, or regulation. It is, further,

{¶ 12} ORDERED, That this Second Finding and Order be served upon Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., Dayton Power and Light Company, Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio, Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and The Toledo Edison Company, and all ESCs.

COMMISSIONERS:

*Approving:*

Sam Randazzo, Chairman  
M. Beth Trombold  
Lawrence K. Friedeman  
Daniel R. Conway  
Dennis P. Deters

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Summary: Finding & Order In this Finding and Order, the Commission approves the revised tariffs for the alternative energy rider, as proposed by the electric distribution utilities. electronically filed by Docketing Staff on behalf of Docketing.