

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
OHIO EDISON COMPANY, THE
CLEVELAND ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING
COMPANY, AND THE TOLEDO EDISON
COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF NEW
TARIFF LANGUAGE FOR A TIME-
VARYING RATE.

CASE NO. 20-50-EL-ATA

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on January 29, 2020

{¶ 1} Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and The Toledo Edison Company (collectively, FirstEnergy) 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. 4928.141 provides that an electric distribution utility shall provide consumers within its certified territory a standard service offer (SSO) of all competitive retail electric services (CRES) necessary to maintain essential electric service to customers, including a firm supply of electric generation service. The SSO may be either a market rate offer in accordance with R.C. 4928.142 or an electric security plan (ESP) in accordance with R.C. 4928.143.

{¶ 3} On March 31, 2016, in Case No. 14-1297-EL-SSO, the Commission approved FirstEnergy's application for its fourth ESP (ESP IV). *In re Ohio Edison Co., The Cleveland Elec. Illum. Co., and the Toledo Edison Co.*, Case No. 14-1297-EL-SSO (*ESP IV Case*), Opinion and Order (Mar. 31, 2016). Moreover, on October 12, 2016, the Commission issued the Fifth Entry on Rehearing in the *ESP IV Case*, further modifying ESP IV.

{¶ 4} Among other terms, ESP IV required the Companies to undertake grid modernization initiatives that promote customer choice in Ohio and to file a grid modernization business plan. *ESP IV Case*, Opinion and Order at 22, 95-96. Thereafter, the

Companies filed its grid modernization plan (Case No. 16-481-EL-UNC) and its distribution platform modernization plan (Case No. 17-2436-EL-UNC) for the Commission's consideration.

{¶ 5} The Commission issued an Opinion and Order on July 17, 2019, approving the Stipulation filed in Case Nos. 16-481-EL-UNC and 17-2436-EL-UNC, subject to the Commission's adjustments to the calculation of the total estimated net benefits proposed for the initial phase of the Companies' grid modernization efforts. According to the terms of the approved Stipulation, the Companies committed to proposing a time-varying rate offering for non-shopping customers within six months of the July 17, 2019 Opinion and Order, which would be designed to achieve the energy and capacity savings detailed in the cost-benefit analysis and leverage enabling devices, e.g. smart thermostats. *In re Ohio Edison Co., The Cleveland Elec. Illum. Co., and The Toledo Edison Co.*, Case No. 16-481-EL-UNC, et al., Opinion and Order (July 17, 2019) at ¶¶ 38-39, 109-110.

{¶ 6} On January 17, 2020, the Companies filed an application in the above-captioned proceeding, which seeks to change the Generation Service Rider (Rider GEN) in order to establish a time-varying rate offering for non-shopping residential customers with an advanced meter installed by the Companies. The Companies also note that their proposed tariff change will expand the eligibility of the existing time-varying rate offering for non-shopping, non-residential customers to include those with an advanced meter installed by the Companies. Additionally, Companies assert that their application is not for an increase in any rate, pursuant to R.C. 4909.18.

{¶ 7} At this time, the attorney examiner finds that it is appropriate and consistent with the collaborative process contemplated in the July 17, 2019 Opinion and Order to allow interested persons to file comments on the application. Therefore, comments and reply comments on the application may be filed no later than February 21, 2020, and March 6, 2020, respectively.

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That interested persons file comments and reply comments no later than February 21, 2020, and March 6, 2020, respectively. It is, further,

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

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s/s Megan J. Addison

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry all interested persons file comments and reply comments no later than 2.21.20 and 3.6.20, respectively. electronically filed by Mrs. Kelli C King on behalf of Megan J. Addison, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio