#### THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE EUCLID HOUSE 3800, LLC FOR INTEGRATION OF MERCANTILE CUSTOMER ENERGY EFFICIENCY OR PEAK-DEMAND REDUCTION PROGRAMS.

**CASE NO. 20-1300-EL-EEC** 

#### FINDING AND ORDER

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# I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the application filed by Euclid House 3800, LLC, requesting an energy efficiency rebate payment.

# II. DISCUSSION

- $\{\P\ 2\}$  The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (Company) is an electric distribution utility (EDU) as defined in R.C. 4928.01(A)(6).
- {¶ 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 (EE/PDR) requirements upon Ohio's electric distribution utilities (EDUs), but also enables mercantile customers to commit their EE/PDR programs for integration with an EDU's programs in order to meet the statutory requirements. Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-39-07(C) permits a mercantile customer to file, either individually or jointly with an EDU, an application to commit the customer's EE/PDR programs for integration with the utility's programs. Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-39-07(C)(1) provides for an automatic approval process whereby applications are deemed to be approved 60 days after filing unless suspended by order of the Commission or an attorney examiner. See *In re Mercantile Customer Pilot Program for Integration of Customer Energy Efficiency or Peak-Demand Reduction Programs*, Case No. 10-834-EL-POR, Finding and Order (July 17, 2013).

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 $\{\P 4\}$  Euclid House 3800, LLC (Customer) is a mercantile customer as defined by R.C. 4928.01(A)(19).

- {¶ 5} On September 23, 2020, Customer filed an application pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-39-07(C), to integrate the energy savings provided by the Customer's projects with the Company's EE/PDR programs. The application requests that the Commission approve a one-time energy efficiency rebate payment of \$5,708.00.
- {¶ 6} By Entry issued November 23, 2020, automatic approval of the above-captioned application was suspended to provide Staff with additional time to review the application.
- {¶ 7} On December 9, 2020, Staff filed a report regarding its review of the application. Staff recommends approval of the application and a one-time energy efficiency rebate payment in the amount of \$5,708.00.
- {¶ 8} Upon review of the application, Staff's recommendations will be adopted, as the requirements concerning the application have been met, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-39-07, and the request for a rebate payment in the amount of \$5,708.00 does not appear to be unjust or unreasonable. Thus, a hearing of this matter is unnecessary. Accordingly, the application should be approved. As a result of our approval, the Company should adjust its respective baseline, pursuant to R.C. 4928.66(A)(2)(c), and Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-39-07. We note that the approval of this application is subject to evaluation, measurement, and verification in each utility's annual portfolio status report proceeding, as set forth in Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-39-05(C). Consequently, our approval of this arrangement is subject to termination or prospective modification by the Commission.

### III. ORDER

 $\{\P 9\}$  It is, therefore,

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 $\P$  10} ORDERED, That the above-captioned application be approved, subject to the time periods and conditions noted above, pursuant to R.C. 4928.66(A)(2)(c) and Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-39-07. It is, further,

 $\P$  11) ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties of record.

COMMISSIONERS: *Approving:*M. Beth Trombold
Lawrence K. Friedeman
Daniel R. Conway
Dennis P. Deters

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