

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Commission's Promulgation of Amendments to Rules for Electric Service and Safety Standards Pursuant to Chapter 4928, Revised Code.)	Case No. 99-1613-EL-ORD
In the Matter of the Application of The Toledo Edison Company's Interconnection Service Requirements.)	Case No. 00-1257-EL-ATA
In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Edison Company's Interconnection Service Requirements.)	Case No. 00-1258-EL-ATA
In the Matter of the Application of The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company's Interconnection Service Requirements.)	Case No. 00-1259-EL-ATA
In the Matter of the Application of The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company For Approval of its Interconnection Procedures Tariff.)	Case No. 00-1253-EL-ATA
In the Matter of the Application of the Dayton Power & Light Company for Approval to Establish an Interconnection Service Tariff for DP&L Distribution Service.)	Case No. 00-1256-EL-ATA
In the Matter of the Applications of Columbus Southern Power Company Approval of Minimum Requirements for Distribution System Interconnection.)	Case No. 00-1248-EL-ATA
In the Matter of the Applications of Ohio Power Company for Approval of Minimum Requirements for Distribution System Interconnection.)	Case No. 00-1247-EL-ATA
In the Matter of the Application of Monongahela Power Company dba Allegheny Power to Establish an Interconnection Tariff.)	Case No. 00-1337-EL-ATA

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

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- (1) On April 7, 2000, the Commission issued a Finding and Order, in Case No. 99-1613-EL-ORD, which directed all jurisdictional electric distribution utilities (hereinafter EDUs) to file proposed interconnection tariffs as required by Rule 4901:1-22-03(A), Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.).
- (2) Pursuant to the April 7, 2000 Finding and Order, each of the EDUs filed an application for tariff approval (ATA) regarding proposed interconnection tariffs. The April 7, 2000 Finding and Order also directed staff to conduct a workshop for all interested parties to address the issues raised by the EDUs' proposed interconnection tariffs. The goal of the interconnection tariff workshop was to establish standard interconnection requirements that ensure safety and reliability without erecting barriers to distributed generation. All interested parties were invited to attend this public meeting. The first workshop was scheduled for August 2, 2000, at the offices of the Commission.
- (3) Pursuant to the Commission's directive, the Commission's staff conducted a series of six public workshop sessions to discuss the interconnection tariffs proposed by the EDUs and worked toward standardized interconnection requirements that promote safety and reliability without erecting barriers against distributed generation provided by net metered customer-generators, co-generators, and independent power producers. These interconnection tariff workshop (ITW) sessions were held from August 2 through September 13, 2000. Parties representing a wide range of interests, including the technical representatives of the EDUs, distributed generation equipment manufacturers, other interested parties and the Commission's staff attended these ITW sessions and established a distribution list enabling the sharing of information, meeting agendas, work product documents, and comments via an electronic listserver.
- (4) On November 16, 2001, staff and ITW participants filed a written Stipulation and Recommendation (Stipulation) covering the issues presented in the ITW sessions, a pro forma distribution interconnection tariff, interim technical requirements for interconnection, and an interconnection application screening process as required under the Commission's rules for Uniform Electric Interconnection Standards under Chapter 4901:1-22, O.A.C. The Stipulation is supported by the Commission's staff, the EDUs, and Copeland Corporation.
- (5) As part of the Stipulation, the EDUs agree to file interconnection tariffs substantially equivalent to the pro forma

Interconnection Tariff (attached to the Stipulation as Joint Exhibit 1), to incorporate by reference into their respective interconnection tariffs part A and part B of the technical requirements (attached to the Stipulation as Joint Exhibits 2 and 3), to implement the interconnection service application (attached to the Stipulation as Joint Exhibit 4), and to implement individual company fee schedules for the interconnection tariffs (Stipulation at 4). To comply with the Stipulation, the EDUs will be directed to amend their proposed interconnection tariffs filed in the above-captioned cases so that they are substantially equivalent to the pro forma interconnection tariff and the exhibits attached to the Stipulation. Further, the EDUs will be directed to include their individual company fee schedules as part of their individual company interconnection tariffs.

- (6) The Commission appreciates the technical efforts of the ITW workshop participants in attempting to reach consensus on uniform interconnection service requirements for nondiscriminatory interconnection to the EDUs with the aim to protect public and worker safety and system reliability as required under the scope and application of the Commission's interconnection rules. While the Stipulation was not signed by all of the ITW workshop participants, it does represent a consensus by the EDUs, one industry representative, and our staff within the timeframe of the workshop sessions. We also note that the technical requirements are "interim" in character and that the signatory parties agree as part of the Stipulation to discuss amendments to the interconnection tariff after allowing a reasonable period of time for the competitive retail electric generation market to develop (Stipulation at 5). Any standard or process established in this proceeding must be flexible and subject to modifications necessary to foster an efficient and reliable market. It appears likely to us that any technical standards adopted in the interim will require changes or adjustments in light of actual experience and changes in technology often encouraged in a competitive marketplace. Upon our review of the Stipulation and the attached exhibits, the Commission finds that the Stipulation is reasonable and should be approved.
- (7) The EDUs should provide supporting documentation for staff's review regarding the cost basis for the individual company fee schedules. Each EDU should file in its ATA docket its amended individual company interconnection tariffs, fees schedules, and supporting cost documentation on or before January 19, 2002.

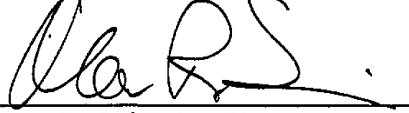
It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the Stipulation and Recommendation and pro forma interconnection tariff and joint exhibits, filed on November 16, 2001, be approved. It is further,

ORDERED, That the EDUs amend their proposed interconnection tariffs filed in the above-captioned ATA cases in accordance with the findings set forth above. It is further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties of record in the above-captioned cases.

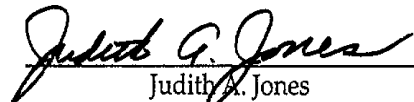
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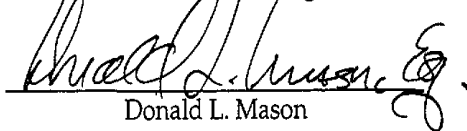
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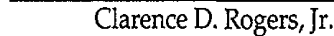
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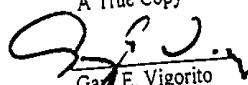
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