

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of)
Ohio Edison Company for Authority) Case No. 96-667-EL-AIS
to Issue and Renew Evidences of)
Indebtedness Pursuant to R.C. 4905.401.)

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) Applicant, Ohio Edison Company, is an Ohio corporation and a public utility as defined in Section 4905.02, Revised Code, subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) This Application complies with the provisions of Section 4905.401, Revised Code.
- (3) By Commission Orders dated February 22, 1996 and June 13, 1996 in Case No. 96-24-EL-AIS, Applicant was authorized, among other things, to form a trust (the "Trust"), and to fund the Trust by issuing up to \$700 million of its first mortgage bonds (the "New Bonds") in order to refinance a portion of the collateralized lease obligation bonds issued in connection with Applicant's sale and leaseback transactions for Perry Unit 1 and Beaver Valley Unit 2.
- (4) However, Applicant now proposes to issue short-term notes to fund the Trust and proceed with the permanent funding when it considers it to be most appropriate.
- (5) Applicant is requesting authority, through March 31, 1997, to issue, reissue, or renew short-term notes or other evidences of indebtedness, maturing at periods of not more than twelve months provided that the aggregate principal amount of short-term indebtedness will not exceed \$650 million at any one time.
- (6) Pursuant to Section 4905.401, Revised Code, Applicant was permitted to have outstanding notes and other evidences of short-term indebtedness issuable without prior authority of this Commission (the "Statutory Exemption") in the amount of \$225 million, as of March 31, 1996.

- (7) Applicant proposes to use the proceeds from the issuance of short-term indebtedness to fund the Trust in the manner as described in the Application and Exhibits.
- (8) Applicant states that it will treat any authority granted to it to issue short-term notes pursuant to this Application as being limited to short-term notes issued for the purpose described in this Order. Applicant will consider any such authority to be no longer effective when the short-term notes issued for that purpose are refunded by the issuance of the New Bonds.
- (9) Based on the information contained in the Application, the Exhibits thereto and other documentary information to which the Commission has access, the purposes to which the proceeds of the short-term indebtedness shall be applied appear to be reasonably required for Applicant's lawful capital purposes and the Commission is satisfied that the consent and authority should be granted.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Ohio Edison Company is authorized, through March 31, 1997, to issue, reissue or renew short-term notes or other evidences of indebtedness provided that Applicant's aggregate principal amount of short-term indebtedness, including the Statutory Exemption, will not exceed \$650 million at any one time. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the proceeds derived by the Applicant under the authority granted herein shall be applied for the purposes set forth in this Order or otherwise pursuant to Section 4905.401, Revised Code. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the authority granted herein shall be limited to short-term notes issued for the purpose described in this Order and shall be deemed to be no longer effective when the short-term notes issued are refunded by the issuance of the New Bonds. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the authorization granted by this Order shall not be construed as limiting the Commission's determination of the appropriateness of Applicant's future long-term security offerings. It is, further,


ORDERED, That nothing contained in this Order shall be construed to imply any guaranty or obligation as to the notes and other evidences of indebtedness, or the associated interest, on the part of the State of Ohio. It is, further,

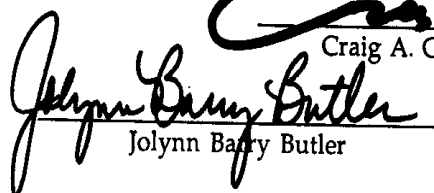
ORDERED, That nothing contained in this Order shall be construed to imply any guaranty or obligation by the Commission to assure completion of any specific construction project of the Applicant. It is, further,

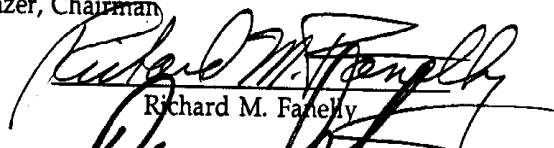
ORDERED, That nothing contained in this Order shall be deemed to be binding upon this Commission in any future proceeding or investigation involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule or regulation of Applicant. It is, further,

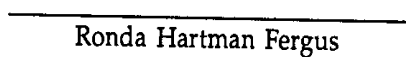
ORDERED, That a copy of this Order be served upon all parties of record.

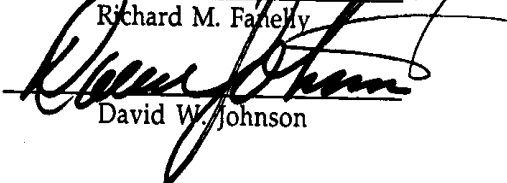
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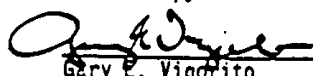

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