

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Complaint of Edward)	
Teiga,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	Case No. 06-1429-EL-CSS
v.)	
)	
Columbus Southern Power Company,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) On December 6, 2006, Mr. Edward Teiga (Mr. Teiga or complainant) filed a complaint against AEP Ohio (AEP). In his complaint, Mr. Teiga states that when there are storms or strong winds AEP's circuit breaker activates and cuts off electricity service to his residence. He complains that service restoration can take from four hours to two days. According to Mr. Teiga, outages occur four or more times a year and affect approximately 20 households. Because of the electricity outage, his sump pump does not function and his basement floods. Mr. Teiga alleges that such an incident occurred on December 1, 2006. For a remedy, Mr. Teiga suggests that AEP install a larger breaker or employ an automatic reset function.
- (2) On December 21, 2006, Columbus Southern Power (Columbus Southern or the company) filed an answer and a motion to dismiss the complaint. In its pleading, Columbus Southern, correcting the complaint, points out that it, not AEP, is the electric service provider to the complainant.

Columbus Southern admits that storms and high winds can cause temporary outages. According to Columbus Southern, brief outages or intermittent "blinks" are normal. Columbus Southern explains that the system is designed to give faults, such as tree branches or animals, a chance to clear themselves before the system locks out the breaker resulting in a full outage.

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Columbus Southern admits that on December 1, 2006, strong winds caused damage to a pole and transformer serving the complainant's residence. Columbus Southern contends that it has taken adequate measures to ensure against outages on the complainant's circuit. Among other things, the company has conducted inspections, installed new equipment, and placed new poles. The company also intends to inspect the circuit to determine if tree trimming is needed. For these reasons, Columbus Southern asserts that there is no further relief that can be granted.


- (3) On January 18, 2007, Mr. Teiga notified the attorney examiner, by voicemail, that the company has contacted him and is working to correct the problem. Because he is satisfied with the actions of the company, Mr. Teiga wishes to dismiss the complaint.
- (4) Based upon the satisfaction of the complainant and the recommendation of the attorney examiner, Mr. Teiga's complaint shall be dismissed without prejudice.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That, in accordance with Finding (4), the complaint is dismissed without prejudice. It is, further,

ORDERED, That copies of this Entry be served upon the parties, counsel, and all interested persons of record.

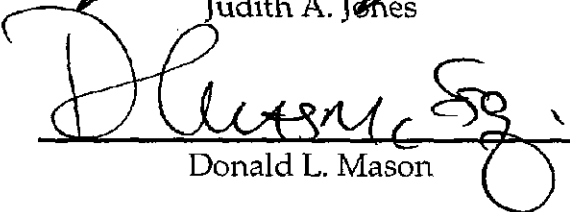
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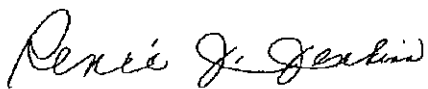

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