BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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)	Case No. 09-1820-EL-ATA
)	Case No. 09-1821-EL-GRD
)	Case No. 09-1822-EL-EEC
)	Case No. 09-1823-EL-AAM
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ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) Ohio Edison Company (OE), The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (CEI), and The Toledo Edison Company (TE) (collectively, FirstEnergy) are public utilities as defined in Section 4905.02, Revised Code, and, as such, are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) On July 31, 2008, as amended on February 19, 2009, FirstEnergy filed an application for a standard service offer pursuant to Section 4928.141, Revised Code, in Case No. 08-935-EL-SSO. The application was for an electric security plan (ESP) in accordance with Section 4928.143, Revised Code.
- (3) On March 4 and 25, 2009, the Commission issued orders, approving the stipulation filed on February 19, 2009, as supplemented on February 26, 2009, establishing an ESP. In the stipulation, FirstEnergy committed to developing a proposal to pursue federal funds that may be available for smart grid investment. The signatory parties also agreed that recovery for smart grid investment would be through an unavoidable rider.
- (4) In furtherance of FirstEnergy's commitment, FirstEnergy submitted its Smart Grid Modernization Initiative to the Department of Energy (DOE) on August 6, 2009.¹ FirstEnergy was notified that its Smart Grid Modernization Initiative was selected for award negotiations from DOE on October 27, 2009.

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FirstEnergy filed a copy of its DOE Application regarding its Smart Grid Modernization Initiative with the Commission on August 14, 2009, in Case No. 07-646-EL-UNC.

- (5) On November 18, 2009, FirstEnergy filed an application in this proceeding for approval of the following:
 - the proposed Ohio Site Deployment, which is part of FirstEnergy's Smart Grid Modernization Initiative;
 - (b) the Peak Time Rebate Rider (Rider PTR);
 - (c) recovery from CEI customers, except Rate GT customers, of any revenue shortfall resulting from the application of Rider PTR;
 - (d) recovery of actual costs incurred, but that are not reimbursed by DOE, for implementing and maintaining the Ohio Site Deployment through Revised Rider AMI;
 - (e) Revised Rider AMI;
 - (f) the energy savings achieved and expected peak demand reductions obtained form the Ohio Site Deployment for inclusion as part of CEI's compliance with the energy efficiency and peak demand reduction benchmarks, as well as the recovery of any associated lost distribution revenues; and
 - (g) any necessary deferrals associated with the Ohio Site Deployment proposal.
- (6) The Commission seeks public comment upon FirstEnergy's application. Therefore, all interested stakeholders are invited to submit written comments on the application by January 13, 2010. Reply comments should be submitted by January 20, 2010.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That comments on FirstEnergy's application be filed by January 13, 2010, and that reply comments be filed by January 20, 2010. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon all parties of record in this case and all parties of record in Case Nos. 08-935-EL-SSO, et al.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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