

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Commission's )  
Investigation of Ohio's Retail Electric ) Case No. 12-3151-EL-COI  
Service Market. )

ENTRY

The legal director finds:

- (1) On December 12, 2012, the Commission issued an entry initiating an investigation into Ohio's retail electric service market, which established deadlines for interested parties to file initial comments by January 30, 2013, and reply comments by February 15, 2013.
- (2) On December 24, 2012, a joint motion for an extension of deadlines for initial and reply comments and a request for an expedited ruling was filed by Industrial Energy Users-Ohio, Ohio Energy Group, Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy, Ohio Poverty Law Center, Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council, and the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (collectively referred to as "Joint Movants"). In their motion, Joint Movants contend that additional time is needed to address and respond to the questions posed by the Commission. Specifically, Joint Movants assert that, due to the "monumental" scope of the Commission's investigation, the holidays, and the Joint Movants' involvement with other Commission proceedings, a 30-day extension is needed on the initial comments, as well as 30 days to prepare and file reply comments. Joint Movants propose that the deadlines for initial comments should be extended to March 1, 2013, and reply comments extended to April 1, 2013.
- (3) The December 12, 2012, Commission Entry provided any interested parties approximately 49 days for initial comments and 16 days for reply comments, taking into account the breadth of the investigation, as well as the timing of its issuance. As such, the legal director disagrees with Joint Movants that an extension is warranted at this time and,

therefore, finds that Joint Movants' motion for an extension of time should be denied.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Joint Movants' motion for an extension of time to file initial comments and reply comments in the above-captioned case is denied. It is, further,

ORDERED, That notice of this entry be served upon all electric utilities, all certified competitive retail electric service providers, all governmental aggregators providing retail electric service, and all other interested parties via the Commission's electric-energy electric list serve and its 08-888 list serve.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

s/ Elizabeth C. Stevens

By: Elizabeth C. Stevens  
Legal Director

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry denying motion for extension of comment period, electronically filed by Vesta R Miller on behalf of Elizabeth C. Stevens, Legal Director, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio