

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of The)
Ohio Power Company to Establish A) Case No. 12-3254-EL-UNC
Competitive Bidding Process For)
Procurement of Energy to Support its)
Standard Service Offer)

**MOTION TO INTERVENE
OF FIRSTENERGY SOLUTIONS CORP.**

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 4903.221 and O.A.C. 4901-1-11, FirstEnergy Solutions Corp. (“FES”) moves to intervene in these proceedings. FES has a number of real and substantial interests in these proceedings and its interests, which may be prejudiced by the results of these proceedings, are not adequately represented by existing parties. Thus, as set forth more fully in the attached memorandum in support, FES respectfully requests that the Commission grant this timely request to intervene.

Respectfully submitted,

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**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION TO INTERVENE
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I. Introduction

In The Application of The Ohio Power Company to Establish A Competitive Bidding Process For Procurement of Energy to Support its Standard Service Offer (the “Application”), the Ohio Power Company (“AEP Ohio”) seeks to establish a competitive bidding process (“CBP”) to procure energy to support its standard service offer. As a potential bidder in the anticipated CBP, FirstEnergy Solutions Corp. (“FES”) has a direct, real, and substantial interest in these proceedings and could be prejudiced if an appropriate CBP is not established. The Commission’s disposition of this proceeding may impair or impede FES’s ability to protect that interest. Thus, FES respectfully requests that the Commission grant its motion to intervene in this proceeding.

II. Legal Standard

R.C. § 4903.221 provides that any “person who may be adversely affected by a public utilities commission proceeding” may intervene in the proceeding. The Commission’s own rules reinforce the right to intervene:

Upon timely motion, any person *shall be* permitted to intervene in a proceeding upon a showing that . . . [t]he person has a real and substantial interest in the proceeding, and the person is so situated

that the disposition of the proceeding may, as a practical matter, impair or impede his or her ability to protect that interest, unless the person's interest is adequately represented by existing parties.

O.A.C. 4901-1-11(A) (emphasis added). “The regulation’s text is very similar to Civ. R. 24 – the rule governing intervention in civil cases in Ohio – which is generally liberally construed in favor of intervention.” *Ohio Consumers’ Counsel v. Pub. Util. Comm.*, 111 Ohio St. 3d 384, 387 (2006) (internal quotations omitted). In considering a motion to intervene, the Commission’s rule directs that the Commission should consider: the nature and extent of the intervenor’s interest; the legal position advanced by the intervenor and its probable relation to the merits of the case; whether intervention will unduly prolong or delay the proceedings; whether the intervenor will significantly contribute to full development and equitable resolution of the factual issues; and the extent to which the intervenor’s interest is represented by existing parties. *See* O.A.C. 4901-1-11(B)(1)-(5); *see also* R.C. § 4903.221(B)(1)-(4). FES’s motion to intervene satisfies each of these factors.

III. Argument

A. The Nature And Extent Of FES’s Interest

FES is an owner and operator of electric generating facilities located in Ohio and elsewhere. FES offers a wide range of energy and energy-related products and services, including the generation and sale of electricity and energy planning and procurement, to wholesale and retail customers across Ohio both directly and through governmental aggregation programs. FES currently provides competitive services to customers in AEP Ohio’s service territories, and may bid in the anticipated CBP. As such, FES has a substantial interest in the outcome of this proceeding and in ensuring that the CBP is established appropriately. That

interest cannot be represented by any other party to this proceeding, as no other party to this proceeding represents FES's interest as a potential bidder in the anticipated CBP.

B. The Legal Position Asserted By FES

FES supports AEP Ohio's transition to market. As such, FES seeks to intervene to ensure that the anticipated CBP is conducted in accordance with all relevant Ohio principles and encourages participation by potential bidders.

C. FES's Intervention Will Not Unduly Prolong Or Delay The Proceedings

The Application was filed on December 21, 2012, and the Commission has not yet established a procedural schedule or a hearing date. As a result, FES's Motion to Intervene is timely and will not prejudice any existing parties or unduly prolong or delay the proceedings.¹

D. FES Will Contribute To The Full Development Of Factual Issues And FES's Interests Are Not Already Represented By Existing Parties.

FES is uniquely situated to contribute to the full development of factual issues in this case as one of the largest CRES and wholesale providers in the state. FES has substantial experience promoting fair and open competitive markets through participation in Commission proceedings, which experience may benefit the Commission's review of AEP Ohio's Application.² FES's participation will significantly contribute to the full development and resolution of the issues raised by AEP Ohio's proposal because FES has significant experience in the wholesale marketplace.

¹See O.A.C. 4901:1-11(E) (providing that a motion to intervene "will not be considered timely if it is filed later than five days prior to the scheduled date of hearing or any specific deadline established by order of the commission for purposes of a particular proceeding").

² See, e.g., *In re Application of Duke Energy Ohio for Approval of a Market Rate Offer to Conduct a Competitive Bidding Process for Standard Service Offer Electric Generation Supply*, Case No. 10-2586-EL-SSO, Mot. to Intervene of FES, filed Nov. 19, 2010; *In re Application of Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company and The Toledo Edison Company for Approval of a Market Rate Offer to Conduct a Competitive Bidding Process for Standard Service Offer Electric Generation Supply*, Case No. 09-906-EL-SSO, Mot. to Intervene of FES, dated Nov. 25, 2009.

FES's interests are not already represented by existing parties, as no other party currently involved in this proceeding currently represents the interests of FES in serving AEP Ohio's customers on a wholesale basis.

IV. Conclusion

WHEREFORE, FES respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Motion to Intervene and allow FES to be made a party of record to this proceeding.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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