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Re: *Carbo Forge, Inc. et al. v. FirstEnergy Solutions Corp.*, Case No. 14-1610-EL-CSS

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Ms. McNeal:

On September 12, 2014, Complainants initiated this case against respondent, FirstEnergy Solutions Corp. (FES), and informally provided a copy of the Complaint to Ohio Power Company (AEP Ohio). AEP Ohio has no desire to get involved on either side of the billing dispute raised in the complaint or to otherwise be encumbered with participating as an intervenor in this case unless it becomes necessary. But based on the informal service of the complaint (evidencing a *bona fide* billing dispute exists) and in light of OAC 4901:1-10-33(H), AEP Ohio would like to advise the Commission that it plans to mark the disputed charges on the affected customers' accounts so that the amount contested does not cause late payments or disconnection – provided that FES and the Complainant can jointly identify the customer accounts involved and specify the charges in dispute for AEP Ohio. But the Company should not be subjected to a blanket "do not disconnect" order for these customers, as is suggested in Complainant's motion for assistance (memo in support at 5). Imposing such a requirement without notice to AEP Ohio by the Commission and being given the opportunity to participate would violate the Company's due process rights. In any case, the overbroad relief referenced by Complainant is advisable for a number of reasons, especially given that the plan outlined above by AEP Ohio fully addresses the Complainant's concerns and comports with OAC 4901:1-10-33(H). If the Commission or the complainant expects anything above and beyond this voluntary commitment, the Company does request notice and the opportunity to become a party.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'St. Nourse', is written over the typed name 'Steven T. Nourse'.

cc: Parties of Record

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