

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of The)
Dayton Power and Light Company) Case No. 14-2043-EL-UNC
for Approval of a Revised Bill Format)
for Electric Service.)

In the Matter of the Application of The)
Dayton Power and Light Company) Case No. 14-2042-EL-AAM
for Approval of Certain Accounting)
Authority.)

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) The Dayton Power and Light Company (DP&L) is a public utility, as defined in R.C. 4905.02, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) On November 21, 2014, DP&L filed an application for approval of a revised bill format for electric service and for approval of certain accounting authority. In its application, DP&L proposed to add logos of certified retail electric service (CRES) providers to customer bills, to standardize the price-to-compare language, to divide the charges between supply and delivery charges, and to provide additional bill enhancements. DP&L asserts that its application was filed pursuant to the Commission's Order in Case No. 12-3151-EL-COI. *In re Comm.'s Investigation of Ohio's Retail Elec. Service Mkt.*, Case No. 12-3151-EL-COI, Finding and Order (Mar. 26, 2014) at 25-32.
- (3) By Entry issued on December 23, 2014, the attorney examiner suspended the 45-day automatic approval process for DP&L's application in order for the Commission and its Staff to further review the application.
- (4) Thereafter, on February 4, 2015, the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) filed a motion to intervene, a memorandum in support, and comments regarding DP&L's application.

OCC asserts that the Commission should grant its motion to intervene because DP&L's residential customers may be adversely affected by these cases, specifically regarding customers' ability to understand and interpret their bills. OCC avers that it meets the criteria set forth in R.C. 4903.221, Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-11, and Commission precedent for intervention on behalf of the residential customers of DP&L. Further, OCC asserts in its comments that the Commission should properly analyze DP&L's proposed bill format revisions to determine if the costs are justified and whether the proposed revisions make customer bills easier to understand. Additionally, OCC argues that DP&L should modify its proposed bill format to disclose more details about how the supplier and delivery charges are calculated. No party filed a memorandum contra to OCC's motion to intervene or reply comments to OCC's initial comments.

- (5) Upon consideration of OCC's motion to intervene, the Commission finds that it is reasonable and should be granted.
- (6) On February 27, 2015, DP&L filed an amended application for approval of a revised bill format for electric service and for approval of certain accounting authority. DP&L asserts that its proposed bill format was amended to provide additional space on the bill for supplier logos, and that the price-to-compare bill message was revised to reference the Commission's Energy Choice Ohio website. Further, DP&L notes that additional revisions were made to the supply and delivery sections of customer bills. Finally, DP&L requests approval to defer expenses related to the bill format changes, and estimates the expenses to be approximately \$500,000.
- (7) On March 17, 2015, Staff filed its Review and Recommendations regarding DP&L's application. Staff asserts that DP&L's proposed bill format complies with Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-10-33, 4901:1-10-22, and Commission precedent. Staff recommends that the Commission approve DP&L's proposed bill format, contingent upon DP&L providing Staff with a bill format sample that displays the

customer charge. Regarding DP&L's request for deferral authority, Staff recommends that DP&L be directed to separately identify and record in a sub-account of Account 182: "Other Regulatory Assets," all operations and maintenance costs to be deferred by DP&L. Staff avers that DP&L should be directed to adjust the deferred principal amount by the related Accumulated Deferred Income Tax (ADIT) when computing carrying costs, as the ADIT represents a non-investor supplied fund. Further, Staff recommends that the total deferral for the bill format changes, plus carrying charges set at the most recently approved cost of debt, not exceed \$500,000. Finally, Staff notes that recovery is not guaranteed for all costs listed under the Other Regulatory Assets account.

- (8) The Commission notes that it has reviewed DP&L's application for a revised bill format for electric service and finds that it will make customer bills easier to understand. Accordingly, the Commission finds that DP&L's application for approval of a revised bill format for electric service, as filed on November 21, 2014, and amended on February 27, 2015, is reasonable and should be approved consistent with Staff's recommendations. Additionally, the Commission finds that DP&L's application for deferral authority, not to exceed \$500,000, is reasonable and should also be granted consistent with Staff's recommendations. However, the Commission notes that recovery of the deferral amount is not guaranteed, as the determination of reasonableness of the deferred amounts and the recovery thereof will be addressed in a future proceeding.

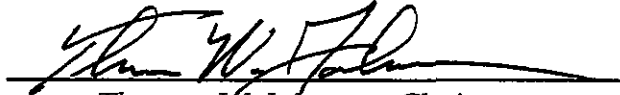
It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That OCC's motion to intervene be granted. It is, further,

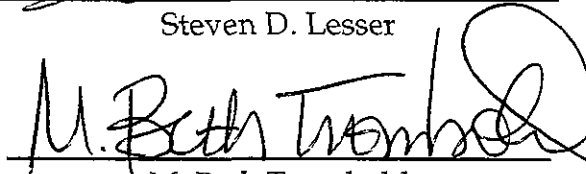
ORDERED, That DP&L's application for approval of a revised bill format, and for certain accounting authority, be approved, in accordance with Finding (8). It is, further,

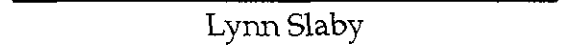
ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties of record.

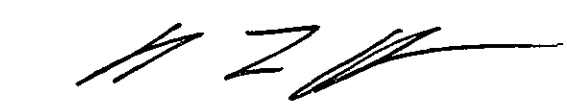
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