

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Adoption of Electronic    )  
Data Interchange Standards and Uniform    ) Case No. 15-630-EL-EDI  
Business Practices for the Electric Industry.    )

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) On July 6, 1999, Amended Substitute Senate Bill Number 3 was enacted to create a competitive market for electric generation service in Ohio starting in 2001. Pursuant to this legislation, the Commission directed Ohio's investor-owned electric utilities and interested stakeholders to participate in a taskforce for the development of uniform business practices and electronic data interchange (EDI) standards to facilitate customer choice of generation service from certified retail electric suppliers in Ohio. *In re the Commission's Promulgation of Rules for Electric Transition Plans and Consumer Education Plan, Pursuant to Chapter 4928, Revised Code*, Case No. 99-1141-EL-COI, November 30, 1999, Finding and Order, at 26-27.
- (2) On July 19, 2000, the Commission issued an order in Case No. 00-813-EL-EDI adopting electronic data interchange (EDI) standards developed by the Operational Support Planning Ohio (OSPO) Taskforce and Data Exchange work groups, comprised of representatives from the Ohio electric distribution utilities (EDUs), generation providers and power marketers (suppliers), EDI service providers, and other interested stakeholders. The OSPO Taskforce and Data Exchange work groups were active until 2002 and 2004, respectively.
- (3) In 2010, the Ohio EDI Working Group (OEWG) was reconstituted by the four jurisdictional EDUs, suppliers, EDI service providers, and Staff to update the Ohio EDI documentation and resolve operational issues in response to increased market development and generation switching activity. Currently, the OEWG has more than 20 active participants. The OEWG conducts monthly teleconferences or meetings to develop and document EDI Implementation Guidelines for electric generation choice in Ohio. These EDI Implementation Guidelines consist of standard EDI

“transaction sets” that accommodate the various legacy information systems of the EDUs to allow suppliers to enroll, bill, and drop Ohio customers. In developing these guidelines, the OEWG has adopted a transparent change control process that allows members of the working group to propose and reach consensus on modifications to the EDI transaction sets and/or business practices. The updates and modifications proposed through the change control process is documented with the current redline versions of the transaction sets and EDI Implementation Guidelines posted on the OEWG page of the Commission’s website.

- (4) Since 2010, the Commission has adopted modifications to the Ohio EDI Implementation Guidelines that were approved by consensus of the OEWG participants in the Commission’s August 1, 2012 Finding and Order in Case No. 12-1770-EL-EDI and the Commission’s July 2, 2013 Finding and Order in 13-0002-EL-EDI.
- (5) On March 31, 2015, the OEWG filed, in this docket, the following updated transaction sets that incorporate all changes adopted by consensus of the OEWG participants since the last Commission finding and order in July 2013:
  - 248 Write-off
  - 810 LDC Invoice Bill Ready
  - 810 LDC Invoice Rate Ready
  - 814 Change Request and Response
  - 814 Drop Request and Response
  - 814 Enrollment Request and Response
  - 814 Reinstatement Request and Response
  - 820 Payment/Remittance
  - 824 Application Advice
  - 867 Usage
- (6) On April 20, 2015, a resolution was filed on behalf of all the listed OEWG participants requesting that the Commission adopt the above-referenced revisions to the EDI Implementation Guidelines.
- (7) The Commission applauds the efforts of all OEWG participants in developing EDI documentation to support uniform operational practices in Ohio and notes the consensus of the

electric distribution utilities and suppliers that these guidelines should be adopted for use in Ohio. Consequently, we will adopt the above-referenced EDI Implementation Guideline transaction sets, and encourage the participation and cooperation of all stakeholders in OEWG's refinement of operational guidelines for transactions in the Ohio retail electric market.

It is, therefore,

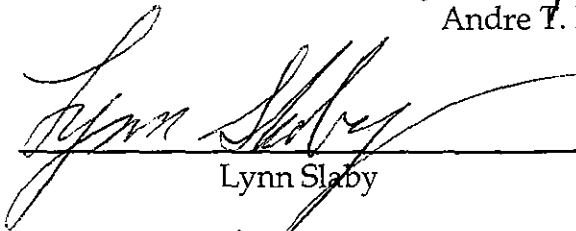
ORDERED, That the above-referenced EDI Implementation Guideline transaction sets be adopted for use in the Ohio retail electric market. It is, further,

ORDERED, That notice of this Finding and Order be served via the electric-energy and OEWG listserves, and upon all parties of record.

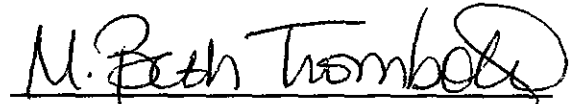
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Andre T. Porter, Chairman



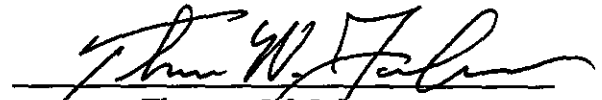
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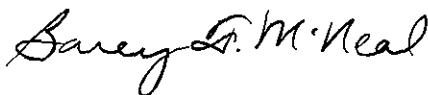


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