BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Ohio)
Power Company for a Limited Waiver of Ohio Adm Code 4901:1-18-06(A)(2)) Com No 12 1028 ET TATAR
Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-18-06(A)(2).) Case No. 13-1936-EL-VVVN

ENTRY ON REHEARING

The Commission finds:

- (1) Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio (AEP Ohio or the Company) is a public utility, as defined in R.C. 4905.02, and an electric utility, as defined in R.C. 4928.01(A)(11). As such, AEP Ohio is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) On September 13, 2013, as amended on September 5, 2014, and March 5, 2015, AEP Ohio filed an application for a temporary, limited waiver of Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-18-06(A)(2), to establish a remote disconnection pilot. Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-18-06(A)(2) requires the electric utility provide a residential customer with personal notice on the day of disconnection. The rule waiver requested is limited to customers whose residence is equipped with advanced meter infrastructure (AMI) a.k.a. "smart meters." The rule waiver would allow the Company to remotely disconnect and reconnect customers disconnected for nonpayment without a visit to the premises on the day of disconnection.
- (3) By Entry issued March 18, 2015, the Commission approved, with certain modifications, AEP Ohio's request for waiver of Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-18-06(A)(2) for the pilot program. *In re AEP Ohio*, Case No. 13-1938-EL-WVR, Entry (Mar. 18, 2015) at 13-14.
- (4) R.C. 4903.10 states that any party who has entered an appearance in a Commission proceeding may apply for a rehearing with respect to any matters determined by filing an application within 30 days after the entry of the order upon the Commission's journal.
- (5) On April 17, 2015, applications for rehearing were filed by Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) and jointly by Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy and Appalachian Peace and Justice Network (jointly, OPAE/APIN). AEP Ohio filed a

memorandum contra the applications for rehearing on April 27, 2015.

(6) The Commission finds that sufficient reason has been set forth by the OCC and OPAE/APJN in their applications for rehearing to warrant further consideration of the matters specified in the applications for rehearing. Accordingly, the applications for rehearing filed by OCC and OPAE/APJN should be granted for further consideration of the matters specified in the applications for rehearing.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the applications for rehearing filed OCC and OPAE/APJN be granted for further consideration of the matters specified in the applications for rehearing. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all interested persons of record in this case.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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