BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Commission's) Investigation of Ohio's Retail Electric) Case No. 12-3151-EL-COI Service Market.)

<u>ENTRY</u>

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On December 12, 2012, the Commission issued an Entry initiating an investigation into the health, strength, and vitality of Ohio's competitive retail electric service (CRES) market. The investigation was intended to establish actions that the Commission can take to enhance the health, strength, and vitality of the market.
- (2) On March 26, 2014, the Commission issued its Finding and Order (Order), adopting, in part, recommendations in Staff's Market Development Work Plan, with modifications. In the Order, the Commission required Staff and the Market Development Working Group to develop an operational plan to implement a statewide seamless move, contract portability, instant connect, or a warm transfer process, and specified that, once the operational plan was developed, Staff should file a Staff Report. The Order further specified that the Staff Report should be filed no later than one year from the date of the Order.
- (3) On February 24, 2015, Staff filed a motion for an extension of time to file the Staff Report. In its motion, Staff asserted that it was actively working toward meeting the March 26, 2015 deadline; however, more time was needed to prepare the Staff Report. Staff requested that the Commission extend the deadline by 45 days to May 11, 2015. Thereafter, the attorney examiner found that Staff's motion was reasonable and granted the motion for an extension of time to file the Staff Report.
- (4) On May 11, 2015, Staff filed a second motion for an extension of time to file the Staff Report. In its motion, Staff asserted that it was still actively working on its Staff Report;

however, Staff requested additional time to prepare the Staff Report. Staff requested that the Commission extend the deadline to May 18, 2015. The attorney examiner granted Staff's request for additional time to prepare the Staff Report.

- (5) On May 18, 2015, Staff filed its third motion for an extension of time to file the Staff Report. Staff asserts that it is close to finishing up the Staff Report, but that more time is still needed. Staff seeks a 30-day extension of the deadline to file the Staff Report to June 17, 2015. Staff avers that this extension will provide adequate time for Staff to comply with the Commission's directives in this case.
- (6) The attorney examiner finds that Staff's motion for an extension of time to file the Staff Report is reasonable and should be granted. Accordingly, the attorney examiner finds that the Staff Report shall be due on June 17, 2015.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Staff's motion for an extension of time be granted, as set forth in Finding (6). It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

s/Bryce McKenney

By: Bryce A. McKenney Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry granting Staff's motion for an extension of time to file the Staff Report. - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Bryce McKenney, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio