BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Complaint of Marti Larkin,)	
Complainant,)	
v.)	Case No. 15-408-EL-CSS Case No. 15-781-EL-CSS
Ohio Power Company,)	
Respondent.)	

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) Generally, pursuant to R.C. 4905.26, the Commission has authority to consider written complaints filed against a public utility by any person or corporation regarding any rate, service, regulation, or practice relating to any service furnished by the public utility that is in any respect unjust, unreasonable, insufficient, or unjustly discriminatory.
- (2) Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio (AEP-Ohio) is a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02 and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (3) On February 25, 2015, Marti L. Larkin (Complainant) filed a complaint against AEP-Ohio. The Complainant requested that the Commission investigate AEP-Ohio's accounting and business practices. The Complainant referred to a missing bill, a lack of clarity in electric bills, and discrepancies in meter readings and kilowatt usage. The complaint was filed under Case No. 15-408-EL-CSS.
- (4) On March 16, 2015, AEP-Ohio filed an answer in which it denied all allegations of the complaint.
- (5) On April 15, 2015, the attorney examiner scheduled a settlement conference for May 19, 2015.

- (6) On April 17, 2015, the Complainant filed a complaint concerning discrepancies in meter readings. The complaint was filed under Case No. 15-781-EL-CSS.
- (7) On May 7, 2015, AEP-Ohio filed an answer and a motion to dismiss the complaint in Case No. 15-781-EL-CSS.
- (8) On May 7, 2015, AEP-Ohio also filed a motion to consolidate Case Nos. 15-408-EL-CSS and 15-781-EL-CSS. In support of its motion, AEP-Ohio argued that the complaints involve the same claims, issues, and parties and so should be consolidated to avoid duplication.
- (9) On June 4, 2015, after the settlement conference, the Complainant filed a motion to dismiss the complaints. The Complainant explains that the parties have reached a settlement. The Complainant, therefore, requests that the complaints be dismissed with prejudice.
- (10) The Complainant has stated good cause to dismiss the complaints. Accordingly, the motion to dismiss, with prejudice, the complaints filed in Case Nos. 15-408-EL-CSS and 15-781-EL-CSS should be granted.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That, in accordance with finding (9), the Complainant's motion to dismiss, with prejudice, the complaints filed in Case Nos. 15-408-EL-CSS and 15-781-EL-CSS be granted. It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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