

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROCUREMENT OF
PERCENTAGE OF INCOME PAYMENT PLAN
PROGRAM GENERATION FOR CUSTOMERS
OF DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.

CASE NO. 16-940-EL-UNC

IN THE MATTER OF THE GENERATION
ENERGY AND GENERATION CAPACITY
RIDERS FOR OHIO POWER COMPANY

CASE NO. 16-1084-EL-RDR

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on May 25, 2016

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} In this Finding and Order, the Commission approves the applications filed by Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. and Ohio Power Company for approval of tariffs, which include rates resulting from the competitive auctions to procure generation supply for percentage of income payment plan program customers.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Pursuant to R.C. 4928.54 and R.C. 4928.544, the director of development services is required to aggregate percentage of income payment plan (PIPP) program customers for the purpose of establishing a competitive procurement process for the supply of competitive retail electric service for those customers, which shall be an auction. Additionally, pursuant to the written request by the director of development services, the Commission shall design, manage, and supervise the competitive procurement process.

{¶ 3} By Order issued on March 2, 2016, in Case No. 16-247-EL-UNC, the Commission adopted a competitive request for proposal (RFP) auction process to procure generation supply to serve the PIPP load. Thereafter, the Commission accepted the results of the competitive RFP auctions for Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke) by Order issued on May 4, 2016, and for Ohio Power Company (AEP Ohio) by Order issued on May 11, 2016.

In re Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., Case No. 16-940-EL-UNC, Finding and Order (May 4, 2016); *In re Ohio Power Co.*, Case No. 16-1031-EL-UNC, Finding and Order (May 11, 2016).

{¶ 4} Thereafter, Duke and AEP Ohio each filed an application with the Commission for approval of revised tariffs, which include the incorporation of the PIPP auction results into rates. On May 17, 2016, Staff filed a staff report in each case recommending that the proposed tariffs be approved for rates to be effective on June 1, 2016. No party filed comments or objections to Duke or AEP Ohio's application for approval of their proposed tariffs.

{¶ 5} The Commission finds that the proposed tariffs filed by Duke and AEP Ohio do not appear to be unjust or unreasonable and should be approved. Additionally, since no party filed comments or objections to either Duke or AEP Ohio's proposed tariffs, we find that no hearing is necessary in either of these cases.

III. ORDER

{¶ 6} It is, therefore,

{¶ 7} ORDERED, That the proposed tariffs filed by Duke and AEP Ohio be approved. It is, further,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That Duke and AEP Ohio each file, in final form, two complete copies of their tariffs, consistent with this Finding and Order. One copy shall be filed in this case docket and one copy in the TRF docket. It is further,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That the effective date of the new tariffs shall be a date not earlier than the date of this Finding and Order, and the date upon which the final tariffs are filed with the Commission. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That nothing in this Finding and Order shall be binding upon the Commission in any future proceeding or investigation involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule, or regulation. It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon each party of record.

Commissioners Voting: Asim Z. Haque, Chairman; Lynn Slaby; M. Beth Trombold; Thomas W. Johnson.

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