THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LUCAS COUNTY,

COMPLAINANT,

v.

CASE NO. 15-896-EL-CSS

FIRSTENERGY SOLUTIONS CORP.,

RESPONDENT

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on November 1, 2016

- $\{\P 1\}$ FirstEnergy Solutions Corp. (FES) is an electric services company as defined in R.C. 4928.01(A)(9), and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- {¶ 2} 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 furnished by the public utility that is in any respect unjust, unreasonable, insufficient, or unjustly discriminatory. Pursuant to R.C. 4928.16, the Commission has jurisdiction under R.C. 4905.26, upon complaint of any person, regarding the provision by an electric services company subject to certification under R.C. 4928.08 of any service for which it is subject to certification.
- {¶ 3} On May 8, 2015, pursuant to R.C. 4905 and 4928, the Board of Commissioners of Lucas County (Lucas County) filed a complaint against FES. Lucas County alleges several counts relating to specific costs that FES incurred from PJM Interconnection LLC (PJM) in January 2014 and passed through to Lucas County. Lucas County's complaint states that its competitive retail electric service (CRES) contract with FES during the time in question was for fixed-price power and contained a provision designating ancillary services as FES's sole responsibility. Consequently, Lucas County alleges that FES is required to cover the charges in question and that the increased charges do not qualify as a regulatory pass-through event. Lucas County further contends that FES's actions

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constitute unfair, misleading, deceptive, or unconscionable acts in violation of R.C. 4928.08

and Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-21.

{¶ 4} On May 29, 2015, FES filed an answer to the complaint, denying all of the

allegations made by Lucas County. Further, contemporaneously with its answer, FES filed

a motion to dismiss this case. On February 3, 2016, the Commission issued an Entry

denying FES's motion to dismiss for lack of subject matter jurisdiction and directing the

attorney examiner to set this matter for hearing.

{¶ 5} On August 26, 2016, the attorney examiner scheduled a hearing for

November 8, 2016. Thereafter, on October 17, 2016, a joint motion for continuance of the

hearing date was filed by the parties. The parties assert additional time is needed to

pursue possible settlement of the issues.

[¶ 6] Accordingly, for good cause shown, the motion should be granted and the

hearing date should be rescheduled. The hearing shall commence on December 13, 2016,

at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room 11-D, at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad

Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

 $\{\P 7\}$ It is, therefore,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That this case be rescheduled for hearing on December 13, 2016,

in accordance with paragraph 6. It is, further,

§¶ 9 ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon each party of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

/s/ Nicholas Walstra

By: Nicholas Walstra

Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry rescheduling a hearing on December 13, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.; electronically filed by Vesta R Miller on behalf of Nicholas Walstra, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio