

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Review of the :
Distribution Investment Rider Contained : Case No. 16-0021-EL-RDR
in the Tariff of Ohio Power Company. :

COMMENTS
SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

On August 5, 2016, Blue Ridge Consulting Services, Inc. (Blue Ridge), an independent auditor selected by the Commission Staff, with the consent of Ohio Power Company, filed its Compliance Audit Report (Report) of the Distribution Investment Rider (DIR) of Ohio Power Company (Company).

The Commission Staff recommends that the Commission adopt the recommendations Blue Ridge listed on page 13 in its Report. In addition, with respect to Recommendations 5, 6, 7 and 8, Staff recommends that this information be included within the next DIR filing following the Commission's Order in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing **Comments** submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, was served via electronic mail upon the following Parties of Record, this 15th day of May, 2017.

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