THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2015 REVIEW OF THE DELIVERY CAPITAL RECOVERY RIDER CONTAINED IN THE TARIFFS OF OHIO EDISON COMPANY, THE CLEVELAND ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING COMPANY, AND THE TOLEDO EDISON COMPANY.

CASE NO. 15-1739-EL-RDR

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on May 24, 2017

- {¶ 1} Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and The Toledo Edison Company (collectively, FirstEnergy) are electric distribution utilities as defined in R.C. 4928.01(A)(6) and public utilities as defined in R.C. 4905.02, and, as such, are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- {¶ 2} On August 25, 2010, the Commission issued an Opinion and Order in *In re Application of Ohio Edison Co., The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co., and the Toledo Edison Co. for Authority to Establish a Standard Service Offer Pursuant to R.C.* 4928.143, in the Form of an Electric Security Plan, Case No. 10-388-EL-SSO (ESP II Case). In that Opinion and Order, the Commission approved a combined stipulation, as modified, authorizing FirstEnergy to establish a delivery capital recovery rider (Rider DCR) effective January 1, 2012. Rider DCR provides for recovery of property taxes, commercial activity tax, and associated income taxes, and the opportunity to earn a return on and of plant-in-service associated with distribution, subtransmission, and general and intangible plant. Additionally, under the terms of the stipulation, FirstEnergy agreed to submit to an annual audit review process of Rider DCR. Thereafter, on July 18, 2012, the Commission issued an Opinion and Order in Case No. 12-1230-EL-SSO (ESP III Case), approving a stipulation filed by various parties extending, with modifications, the combined stipulation approved by the Commission in the ESP II Case.

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{¶ 3} By Entry issued December 9, 2015, the Commission selected Blue Ridge

Consulting Services, Inc. (Blue Ridge) to conduct the 2015 annual audit and investigation

of FirstEnergy's Rider DCR. On April 22, 2016, Blue Ridge submitted its compliance audit

of FirstEnergy's Rider DCR.

 $\{\P 4\}$ At this time, the attorney examiner finds that it is appropriate and

consistent with the terms of the modified combined stipulation in the ESP III Case to allow

interested persons to file comments on the audit report filed by Blue Ridge on April 22,

2016. Therefore, comments and reply comments on the audit report may be filed no later

than June 23, 2017, and July 24, 2017, respectively.

 $\{\P 5\}$ It is, therefore,

[¶ 6] ORDERED, That interested persons file comments and reply comments on

the audit report no later than June 23, 2017, and July 24, 2017, respectively. It is, further,

{¶ 7} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

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s/Megan Addison

By:

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Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry directing interested persons file comments and reply comments on the audit report no later than 06/23/2017 and 07/24/2017, respectively. - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Megan Addison, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio