

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE
OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY FOR
AN ORDER APPROVING ADJUSTMENTS TO
THE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND RIDER OF
JURISDICTIONAL OHIO ELECTRIC
DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES.

CASE NO. 17-1377-EL-USF

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on November 2, 2017

{¶ 1} On June 1, 2017, the Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) filed a notice of intent (NOI) to file its annual Universal Service Fund (USF) rider adjustment application on or before October 31, 2017. ODSA's NOI set forth the USF rider revenue requirement methodology and rate design methodology that would be used in preparing its subsequent USF rider adjustment application.

{¶ 2} By Opinion and Order issued October 11, 2017, the Commission approved the proposed USF rider revenue requirement methodology and USF rider rate design methodology, as submitted by ODSA in its NOI application. *In re Ohio Development Services Agency*, Case No. 17-1377-EL-USF, Opinion and Order (Oct. 11, 2017).

{¶ 3} On October 31, 2017, ODSA filed its 2017 USF adjustment application and supporting testimony to adjust the USF riders of all Ohio jurisdictional electric utilities, in accordance with R.C. 4928.52, for the 2018 USF collection period. In its application, ODSA requests that each of the USF riders be adjusted to more accurately reflect the current operating costs of the Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus, the Electric Partnership Program, the consumer education program, and associated administrative costs. ODSA request that the proposed USF riders for the electric utilities be effective January 1, 2018, on a bills-rendered basis. Based on ODSA's analysis of the revenue that the current USF riders are projected to produce, and various other factors, ODSA has determined that, on an aggregated basis, the total annual revenues that will be generated by the current USF riders

will be \$70,228,863 less than the annual revenues required to meet the objectives identified in R.C. 4928.52(A) for the 2018 collection period.

{¶ 4} R.C. 4928.52(B) provides that if, during or after the five-year market development period, ODSA, after consultation with the Public Benefits Advisory Board, determines that revenues in the USF, together with revenues from federal or other sources of funding for those programs, will be insufficient to cover the costs of the low-income customer assistance programs and consumer education programs and their related administrative costs, ODSA shall file a petition with the Commission for an increase in the USF riders. The Commission, after reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing, may adjust the USF riders by the minimum amount necessary to provide additional revenues.

{¶ 5} If any party to this proceeding requests a prehearing/settlement conference on ODSA's 2017 adjustment application, the conference shall be held on November 16, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., in Conference Room 755, 7th floor, at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

{¶ 6} In addition, consistent with the requirements of R.C. 4928.52(B), a hearing on ODSA's 2017 adjustment application will commence on November 30, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., in Hearing Room C, 11th floor, at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

{¶ 7} It is, therefore,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That, if any party requests a prehearing/settlement conference, the conference shall be held as set forth in Paragraph 5. It is, further,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That an evidentiary hearing be held as set forth in Paragraph 6. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served on all persons of record.

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/s/ Greta See

By: Greta See
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry setting forth procedural schedule for settlement conference, if requested, and the hearing; electronically filed by Vesta R Miller on behalf of Greta See, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio