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RE: *In the Matter of the Distribution Investment Rider for Ohio Power Company, Case No. 14-1696-EL-RDR*

Dear Docketing Division:

Enclosed please find the Staff's Review and Recommendations in regard to the Application of Ohio Power Company to modify its Distribution Investment Rider, Case No. 14-1696-EL-RDR.

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Ohio Power Company

Case No. 14-1696-EL-RDR

SUMMARY

On December 21, 2017, Ohio Power Company (AEP Ohio) filed its quarterly update for the Distribution Investment Rider (DIR) for rates to become effective on the first billing cycle for March 2018. Pursuant to the November 28, 2012, Commission Order in Case No. 12-2627-EL-RDR, DIR filings shall be automatically approved 60 days after the application is filed, with the new rate to take effect on the proposed effective date, unless suspended by the Commission.

On February 15, 2018, AEP Ohio filed an application in this same case to include new tariff language in the DIR tariff to become effective on the first billing cycle for March 2018. This application is subject to Commission approval.

STAFF REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Staff has reviewed the application and the new language as filed on February 15, 2018. AEP did not adjust the DIR for any tax adjustments related to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. However, based on the tariff language submitted by AEP, the DIR will be subject to the outcome of Case No. 18-47-AU-COI, and; therefore, Staff believes that the tariff language appropriately clarifies the Commission's authority with respect to reconciliations and adjustments to the DIR.

CONCLUSION

The Staff recommends to the Commission that they approve the application for the new language to be included in the DIR tariff and that the tariff become effective on the first billing cycle for March 2018.