THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION'S INVESTIGATION OF THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THE TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT OF 2017 ON REGULATED OHIO UTILITY COMPANIES.

CASE NO. 18-47-AU-COI

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on February 20, 2018

- {¶ 1} The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (TCJA), signed into law on December 22, 2017, provides for a number of changes in the Federal tax system. Most notably, the federal corporate income tax rate is reduced from 35 percent to 21 percent, effective January 1, 2018.
- {¶ 2} The Commission opened the above-captioned Commission Ordered Investigation in order to study the impacts of the TCJA on the Commission's jurisdictional rate-regulated utilities, and determine the appropriate course of action to pass benefits on to ratepayers.
- {¶ 3} By Entry issued January 10, 2018, the Commission invited all jurisdictional rate-regulated utilities, as well as other interested stakeholders, to submit public comments discussing: (i) those components of utility rates that the Commission will need to reconcile with the TCJA; and (ii) the process and mechanics for how the Commission should do so. The Commission noted several components of utility rates that commenters could potentially discuss in response. Comments were directed to be filed on or before February 15, 2018.
- $\{\P 4\}$ On February 15, 2018, comments were submitted on behalf of various utility companies, consumer groups, and other interested stakeholders.

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{¶ 5} At this time, the attorney examiner finds it appropriate to solicit reply comments in order to assist the Commission with its review of the underlying reconciliation issues and possible mechanisms to resolve those issues for regulated Ohio utility companies. Accordingly, reply comments should be submitted by March 7, 2018.

 $\{\P 6\}$ It is, therefore,

 $\{\P 7\}$ ORDERED, That reply comments be filed in this docket on or before March 7, 2018. It is, further,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all public utilities (other than motor transportation companies) subject to the Commission's jurisdiction and interested stakeholders of record.

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry requesting interested stakeholders submit reply comments by March 7, 2018. electronically filed by Ms. Mary E Fischer on behalf of Megan J. Addison, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio