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RE: *In the Matter of the gridSMART Phase 2 Rider for Ohio Power Company, Case No. 17-1156-EL-RDR.*

Dear Docketing Division:

Enclosed please find the Staff's Review and Recommendations in regard to Ohio Power Company's gridSMART Phase 2 updated tariff language.

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Ohio Power Company
Case No. 17-1156-EL-RDR

SUMMARY

On January 29, 2018, Ohio Power Company (AEP Ohio) filed its quarterly update for the gridSMART Phase 2 Rider for rates to become effective on the first billing cycle for March 2018. Pursuant to the February 1, 2017 Commission Order in Case No. 13-1939-EL-RDR, gridSMART Phase 2 filings shall be automatically approved 30 days after the filing.

On February 23, 2018, AEP Ohio filed an application in this same case to include new tariff language in the gridSMART Phase 2 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 23, 2018. AEP did not adjust the gridSMART Phase 2 Rider for any tax adjustments related to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. However, based on the tariff language submitted by AEP, the gridSMART Phase 2 Rider 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 gridSMART Phase 2 Rider.

CONCLUSION

The Staff recommends to the Commission that they approve the application for the new language to be included in the gridSMART Phase 2 tariff and that the tariff become effective on the first billing cycle for March 2018.