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*Re: In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company  
to Update its Basic Transmission Cost Rider, Case No.  
18-96-EL-RDR*

Dear Ms. McNeal:

On January 16, 2018, AEP Ohio filed its BTCR adjustment request in this docket. On February 26, 2018, The Ohio Energy Group (OEG) filed comments in this docket suggesting that the Commission adopt a preliminary credit to the BTCR based on estimated tax savings associated with the Tax Cut Jobs Act of 2017 (TCJA). OEG submits that without such action, customers will have to wait until 2019 to receive the benefits of the TCJA as it relates to the BTCR. AEP Ohio indicated in its initial filing in this docket (at p.6) that it would update the BTCR upon approval by the FERC of new Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) rates that reflect those tax savings. While the Company opposes any request to implement a credit prior to FERC approving OATT rate changes, it does not oppose adjusting the BTCR shortly after the FERC approves the new OATT rates and in advance of the next regular update of the BTCR. Implementing a credit prior to the time that the new OATT rate is known could risk increasing the current under-recovery and actually could increase rate volatility rather than help mitigate it.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,

/s/ Steven T. Nourse

cc: Parties of Record

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