

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2017 REVIEW OF
THE DELIVERY CAPITAL RECOVERY RIDER
OF OHIO EDISON COMPANY, THE
CLEVELAND ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING
COMPANY, AND THE TOLEDO EDISON
COMPANY.

CASE No. 17-2009-EL-RDR

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on April 18, 2018

{¶ 1} Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and The Toledo Edison Company (collectively, FirstEnergy or the Companies) are electric distribution utilities, as defined by R.C. 4928.01(A)(6), and public utilities, as defined in R.C. 4905.02, and, as such, are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 2} R.C. 4928.141 provides that an electric distribution utility shall provide consumers within its certified territory a standard service offer (SSO) of all competitive retail electric services necessary to maintain essential electric services to customers, including firm supply of electric generation services. The SSO may be either a market rate offer, in accordance with R.C. 4928.142, or an electric security plan (ESP), in accordance with R.C. 4928.143.

{¶ 3} On August 25, 2010, the Commission issued an Opinion and Order (Order) approving FirstEnergy's second electric security plan. *In re Ohio Edison Co., The Cleveland Elec. Illum. Co., and The Toledo Edison Co. for Authority to Establish a Std. Serv. Offer Pursuant to Section 4928.143, Revised Code, in the Form of an Elec. Security Plan*, Case No. 10-388-EL-SSO, Opinion and Order (Aug. 25, 2010) (*ESP II Case*). In that Order, the Commission approved a joint stipulation, as modified, authorizing FirstEnergy to establish a delivery capital recovery rider (Rider DCR) effective January 1, 2012. Additionally, under the terms of the stipulation, FirstEnergy agreed to submit to an annual audit review process of Rider DCR. Thereafter, on July 18, 2012, in Case No. 12-1230-EL-SSO, the Commission issued an Order approving a joint stipulation extending, with modification, the terms of the joint stipulation approved by the Commission in the *ESP II Case*. *In re Ohio Edison Co., The Cleveland Elec. Illum. Co., and The*

Toledo Edison Co. for Authority to Provide for a Std. Serv. Offer Pursuant to Section 4928.143, Revised Code, in the Form of an Elec. Security Plan, Case No. 12-1230-EL-SSO, Opinion and Order (July 18, 2012) (*ESP III Case*). Thereafter, by Order issued on March 31, 2016, in Case No. 14-1297-EL-SSO, the Commission approved an extension, with modification, of FirstEnergy's DCR Rider. *In re Ohio Edison Co., The Cleveland Elec. Illum. Co., and The Toledo Edison Co. for Authority to Provide for a Std. Serv. Offer Pursuant to Section 4928.143, Revised Code, in the Form of an Elec. Security Plan*, Case No. 14-1297-EL-SSO, Opinion and Order (Mar. 31, 2016) (*ESP IV Case*). In the *ESP IV Case* Opinion and Order, the Commission ordered annual audits of Rider DCR.

{¶ 4} On November 1, 2017, the Commission issued an Entry directing Staff to issue a request for proposal (RFP) for audit services necessary to assist with the compliance audit of the Companies. Prospective bidders were directed by the Commission to submit proposals to Staff by November 24, 2017. The audit was to be conducted between December 6, 2017, and April 21, 2018, with a draft audit report to be presented to Staff on April 12, 2018. The final audit report was to be filed with the Commission on April 21, 2018.

{¶ 5} On December 6, 2017, the Commission selected Blue Ridge Consulting Services, Inc. (Blue Ridge) to conduct the audit services necessary to assist the Commission with the 2017 annual audit of FirstEnergy's Rider DCR.

{¶ 6} On April 17, 2018, Staff filed a motion for an extension of time, noting that Blue Ridge requires additional time to complete the reports. Staff proposed that the draft report be due on May 1, 2018, with the final audit report due on May 11, 2018. Staff's motion for extension of time is unopposed.

{¶ 7} Upon review, the attorney examiner finds that good cause exists to grant the motion for an extension of the filing deadlines for the draft and final reports. In order to provide Blue Ridge sufficient time to thoroughly consider the vast amount of information and develop the necessary reports for the Commission's consideration, the attorney examiner finds that the amended dates suggested by Staff are reasonable, and Staff's motion should be granted. Further, Staff's motion for extension of time is unopposed. Accordingly, the draft

audit report and the final audit report shall be due by May 1, 2018, and May 11, 2018, respectively.

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That Staff's motion for an extension be granted. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That the deadlines for the draft and final audit reports be amended, in accordance with Paragraph 7. It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry granting motion for extension and setting deadlines for draft and final audit reports. electronically filed by Ms. Mary E Fischer on behalf of Megan J. Addison, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio