#### THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT PETITION OF DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC. AND BUTLER RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE REQUESTING REVISION TO TERRITORIAL BOUNDARY MAP

**CASE NO. 18-111-EL-PEB** 

### FINDING AND ORDER

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## I. SUMMARY

**¶ 1** In this case, the Commission grants the joint petition of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. and Butler Rural Electric Cooperative to reallocate their service territories.

#### II. DISCUSSION

- {¶ 2} Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (DEO) and Butler Rural Electric Cooperative (BREC) are electric suppliers as defined in R.C. 4933.81. By Entries issued in Case No. 78-1311-EL-ORD, the Commission certified the territories of DEO and BREC.
- {¶ 3} Pursuant to R.C. 4933.83(E), two or more electric suppliers may jointly petition the Commission to reallocate their service territories and electric load centers. In their petition, the electric suppliers shall designate which portion of their territories and electric load centers will be served by each electric supplier.
- {¶ 4} On January 31, 2018, DEO and BREC jointly petitioned the Commission to reallocate their service territories in Butler County, within Ross Township Ohio. Specifically, they request the following relocation:

On Quadrangle map T-2, starting at existing boundary point, 39.373844, -84.687158; Thence east to 39.373776, -84.684479; Thence north to 39.376205, -84.684488; Thence west ending on Quadrangle map S-2 at existing boundary point, 39.376219, -84.687007.

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{¶ 5} In support of their request, DEO and BREC explain that the customer at 3798 Fenton Road has requested service to that property. DEO's last pole on Fenton Road is on the other side of transmission lines about 400 feet from customer's driveway. Due to the cost of a line extension, customer is requesting that the property be served by BREC rather than DEO. The metes and bounds establishes the new territory boundary line to accommodate service to the customer at 3798 Fenton Road.

- **{¶ 6}** No objections have been filed to the joint petition for reallocation.
- {¶ 7} The Commission finds that granting the requested relief will promote the purposes of R.C. 4933.81 to 4933.90, and will further promote the provision of adequate service to all territories and electric load centers affected by the relocation as required by R.C. 4933.83(E). Accordingly, the Commission finds that the joint petition is reasonable and should be approved.
- {¶ 8} The Commission, therefore, directs that the territorial boundaries of DEO and BREC be appropriately modified as delineated in the joint petition and the maps of the certified territories be amended accordingly.

#### III. ORDER

- $\{\P 9\}$  It is, therefore,
- {¶ 10} ORDERED, That the request of DEO and BREC to reallocate their territory boundaries be granted. It is, further,
- {¶ 11} ORDERED, That the change on quadrangle maps S-2 and T-2, described in the joint petition, be approved to show the boundary line change. It is, further,

 $\P$  12} ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon each party of the record.

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