

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
ACERO JUNCTION, INC. AND OHIO
POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A
REASONABLE ARRANGEMENT.

CASE NO. 17-2132-EL-AEC

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on August 8, 2018

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission finds that assignment of the reasonable arrangement between Acero Junction, Inc. and Ohio Power Company to JSW Steel Ohio, Inc. should be approved.

II. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

{¶ 2} On May 2, 2018, the Commission issued an Opinion and Order approving a reasonable arrangement pursuant to R.C. 4905.31 (Arrangement), between Ohio Power Company (AEP Ohio), an electric light company and public utility under R.C. 4905.03(A)(3) and 4905.02, respectively, and Acero Junction, Inc. (Acero Junction), a mercantile customer as defined by R.C. 4928.01(A)(19), at the former Wheeling Pittsburgh Steel plant (Facility), located in Mingo Junction, Jefferson County, Ohio. If steelmaking operations are fully resumed under the Arrangement, which ends on May 31, 2024, Acero Junction would become AEP Ohio's second largest retail customer.

{¶ 3} On July 3, 2018, Acero Junction filed a motion to approve assignment of its rights and obligations under the Arrangement to JSW Steel Ohio Inc. (JSW Steel). In support of its motion, Acero Junction states that the Facility was acquired by JSW Steel on June 13, 2018, and that Acero Junction's rights and obligations were fully assignable under the terms of the Arrangement to any new owner or operator of the Facility with the consent of AEP Ohio. Further, Acero Junction states that approval of the assignment will not impact the jobs or economic development benefits projected to flow from the Arrangement, and that AEP Ohio has consented to the assignment.

{¶ 4} Pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-38-05(F), affected parties have 20 days to file comments or objections to applications for reasonable arrangements under R.C. 4905.31. No objections or comments to the motion have been timely filed. Accordingly, we find Acero Junction's motion to approve the assignment of its rights and obligations under the Arrangement to be reasonable, and should be granted.

III. ORDER

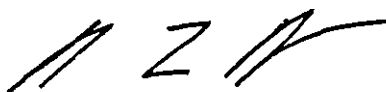
{¶ 5} It is, therefore,

{¶ 6} ORDERED, That the motion of Acero Junction to approve the assignment of its rights and obligations under the Arrangement to JSW Steel is granted. It is, further,

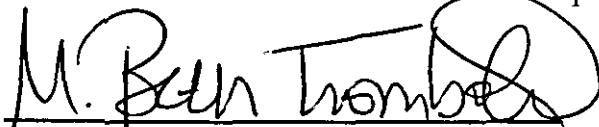
{¶ 7} ORDERED, That nothing in this Entry shall be binding upon the Commission in any future proceeding or investigation involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule, or regulation. It is, further,

[¶ 8] ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon each party of record.

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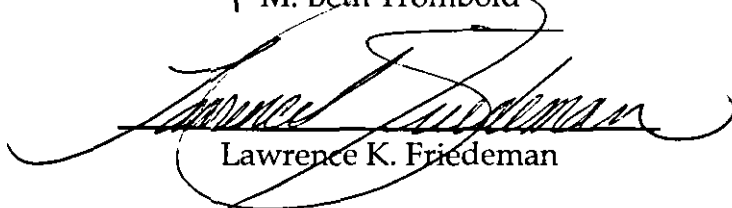


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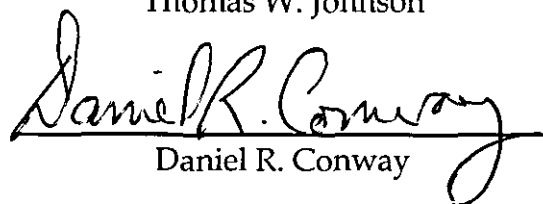


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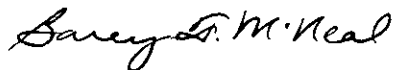
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