# THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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

CASE NO. 18-1019-EL-PEB

### FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on October 24, 2018

#### I. SUMMARY

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

## II. DISCUSSION

- {¶ 2} Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke) and Butler Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Butler Rural) 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 Duke and Butler Rural.
- {¶ 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 July 02, 2018, Duke and Butler Rural 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 the N/E ¼ of Section 33, which is in the S/E ¼ of Township 3 in Butler County, Ohio. Beginning along the Northerly line of Section 33, 2661' West of Section 34 Westerly line, which is the North West Corner of Dry Run Estates Section 4. Said corner being marked with a 3"pipe. Thence S 24° 26'19"W 437.52 feet,

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Thence S 49° 39′28″ W198.78 feet, Thence S 79° 24′22″ W 268.13 feet, Thence N 88° 16′22″ W 681.52 feet, thence N 1° 3′38″ 593.92 feet, S 88° 16′41″ E 880.62 to the point of origin. The above description is the same as Auditors Parcel No. K4610-032-000-006 & No. K4610-032-000-06.

- {¶ 5} In support of their request, Duke and Butler Rural explain that the developer of a new plat has requested that Butler Rural be the power provider for the entire area. Butler Rural will already be serving the majority of the development. The relocation of the territory line will allow Butler Rural to serve the entire plat.
  - $\{\P 6\}$  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 Duke and Butler Rural 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 Duke and Butler Rural to reallocate their territory boundaries be granted. It is, further,
- {¶ 11} ORDERED, That the change on quadrangle map 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 record.

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