THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT PETITION OF OHIO POWER COMPANY D/B/A AEP OHIO, INC. AND MID-OHIO ENERGY COOPERATIVE, INC. REQUESTING REVISION TO TERRITORIAL BOUNDARY MAP.

CASE No. 18-1527-EL-PEB

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on November 7, 2018

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} In this Finding and Order, the Commission grants the joint petition of Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio and Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative, Inc. to reallocate their service territories.

II. DISCUSSION

- {¶ 2} On March 7, 2012, the Commission approved and confirmed the merger of Columbus Southern Power Company (CSP) into Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio (AEP Ohio). *In re Ohio Power Co. and Columbus Southern Power Co.*, Case No. 10-2376-EL-UNC (AEP Ohio Merger Case), Entry (Mar. 7, 2012).
- {¶ 3} AEP Ohio and Mid-Ohio Energy Cooperative, Inc. (MOEC) 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 CSP and MOEC. Following the merger approved in the AEP Ohio Merger Case, AEP Ohio provides retail electric service to customers within CSP's certified territory.
- **{¶ 4}** 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

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their petition, the electric suppliers shall designate which portion of their territories and electric load centers will be served by each electric supplier.

{¶ 5} On October 9, 2018, AEP Ohio and MOEC jointly petitioned the Commission to reallocate their service territories in Allen County, Auglaize Township, Ohio. Specifically, they request the following relocation:

On Quadrangle map I-8, starting at the existing house bill line located on Hay Road at the southwest corner of parcel 48-2300-03-009.001, head north on Hay Road to the northwest corner of parcel 48-2300-03-009.000. Follow the existing parcel to the northeast corner of said parcel and then head south to the southeast corner of said property which is where the property meets the current house hill bill line.

- {¶ 6} In support of their petition, AEP Ohio explains that it requested MOEC to serve a new customer located on Hay Road in Harrod. AEP Ohio states that their nearest facility is 2,388 feet away from the point of service while MOEC's nearest facility is 1,090 feet away. MOEC has agreed to serve the customer.
 - [¶ 7] No objections were filed to the joint petition for reallocation.
- {¶ 8} 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.
- {¶ 9} The Commission, therefore, directs that the territorial boundaries of AEP Ohio and MOEC be appropriately modified as delineated in the joint petition and the maps of the certified territories be amended accordingly.

III. ORDER

 ${\P 10}$ It is, therefore,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That the request of AEP Ohio and MOEC to reallocate their territory boundaries be granted. It is, further,

{¶ 12} ORDERED, That the change on quadrangle map I-8, described in the joint petition, be approved to show the boundary line change. It is, further,

{¶ 13} ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon each party of record.

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