

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the PowerForward)	
Collaborative)	Case No. 18-1595-EL-GRD
)	

**OHIO POWER COMPANY’S COMMENTS ON
GRID ARCHITECTURE STATUS REPORT CONTENT**

The Ohio Power Company (AEP Ohio) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed grid architecture status report and is looking forward to working with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission), the other Ohio Electric Distribution Utilities (EDUs), and interested parties on the future of the Ohio electric grid. Investment in new technology to improve reliability, service quality and enhance the customer experience is the main focus of AEP Ohio.

AEP Ohio has made and continues to make smart investments in our distribution system and are supportive of sharing information publicly through the proposed April 1, 2019 Grid Architecture Status report filing. The items of interest listed by the Commission in the PowerForward Road map on pages 15 through 17 seem appropriate for this Grid Architecture Status Report. In determining the level of detail to request in this public filing, AEP Ohio cautions that having meaningful information on every Ohio EDU system should be carefully weighed against the risk of providing too much information in a public docket that may create a physical or cyber security risk. AEP Ohio would like to work with Staff to strike an appropriate balance on those matters.

We look forward to sharing with the Commission and the public our view of future customer service enhancements and services to help customer manage their energy usage and resulting energy costs. However, the ease and access to customer usage data, and the seamlessness of customer services, will need to be carefully balanced against customer privacy and potential customer vulnerability issues.

While AEP Ohio does not have any additional suggestions for information that should be included in the Grid Architecture report, the Company requests that the Commission establish a reply comment opportunity so that all parties have an opportunity to provide feedback to the information suggested by other interested parties.

AEP Ohio looks forward to working with the Commission, its Staff and other interested parties through the PowerForward process.

Respectfully submitted,

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