#### THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE DAYTON POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY TO UPDATE ITS DISTRIBUTION DECOUPLING RIDER.

CASE NO. 18-1605-EL-RDR

### **ENTRY ON REHEARING**

Entered in the Journal on February 27, 2019

# I. SUMMARY

**{¶ 1}** In this Entry on Rehearing, the Commission grants rehearing for the purpose of further consideration of the matters raised in the application for rehearing.

### II. DISCUSSION

 $\{\P 2\}$  The Dayton Power and Light Company (DP&L or the Company) is an electric distribution utility as defined in R.C. 4928.01(A)(6), and a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

**{¶ 3}** R.C. 4928.141 provides that an electric distribution utility shall provide consumers within its certified territory a standard service offer (SSO) of all competitive retail electric services necessary to maintain essential electric services to customers, including a firm supply of electric generation services. The SSO may be either a market rate offer in accordance with R.C. 4928.142 or an electric security plan (ESP) in accordance with R.C. 4928.143.

**{¶ 4}** On February 22, 2016, DP&L filed an application for an SSO with accompanying applications for approval of revised tariffs and for approval of certain accounting authority. *In re The Dayton Power and Light Co.*, Case No. 16-395-EL-SSO, et al. (*ESP III Case*). Subsequently, on October 20, 2017, the Commission approved DP&L's proposed third ESP. As part of the approval of the third ESP, the Commission approved the creation of a distribution decoupling rider. *ESP III Case*, Opinion and Order (October 20, 2017) at 11-12.

**{¶ 5}** On October 31, 2018, DP&L filed an application to update its Distribution Decoupling Rider pursuant to R.C. 4928.05(A)(2) and Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-36-03(B).

**{¶ 6}** On November 14, 2018, the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) filed a motion to intervene in this proceeding. No party filed a memorandum contra the motion to intervene. The Commission finds that the motion to intervene is reasonable and should be granted.

**{¶7}** On December 20, 2018, Staff filed its Staff Review and Recommendations regarding DP&L's application to update its Distribution Decoupling Rider. According to Staff, it reviewed the application to ensure that proper accounting and regulatory treatment was applied. Staff recommended that the application be approved, subject to a minor adjustment which would self-correct on the Company's books and records. On December 21, 2018, DP&L filed final tariffs in this proceeding. Also on December 21, 2018, OCC filed comments regarding the application.

**{¶ 8}** The application filed by DP&L to update its Distribution Decoupling rider was automatically approved, effective January 1, 2019, pursuant to the stipulation approved by the Commission in *In re Dayton Power and Light Co.*, 15-1830-EL-AIR, Opinion and Order (Sep. 26, 2018).

**{¶ 9}** On January 29, 2019, OCC filed an application for rehearing objecting to the automatic approval of DP&L's application to update its Distribution Decoupling Rider. On February 8, 2019, DP&L filed a memorandum contra the application for rehearing.

**{¶ 10}** The Commission grants the application for rehearing filed by OCC. We believe that sufficient reason has been set forth by OCC to warrant further consideration of the matters specified in the application for rehearing.

## III. ORDER

**{¶ 11}** It is, therefore,

**{¶ 12}** ORDERED, That the application for rehearing filed OCC be granted for further consideration of the matters specified in the application for rehearing. It is, further,

{¶ 13} ORDERED, That OCC's motion to intervene be granted. It is, further,

{¶ 14} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry on Rehearing be served upon all parties of record.

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