

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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

CASE NO. 19-132-EL-PEB

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on March 13, 2019

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} In this Finding and Order, the Commission grants the joint petition of Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio and Ohio Edison Company 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 Ohio Edison Company (Ohio Edison) 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 AEP Ohio and Ohio Edison. 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 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 January 14, 2019, AEP Ohio and Ohio Edison jointly petitioned the Commission to reallocate their service territories in Stark County, Nimishellin Township, Ohio. Specifically, they request the following relocation:

On quadrangle map G-29, the following proprieties: Parcel IDs 3309428, 3309427, 3309362, 3309346, 3309345, 3309344, 10003887, 10003886, 10003888, 3309814, and 3309813.

{¶ 6} In support of their petition, Ohio Edison explains that AEP Ohio received a new service request from a customer located at 6242 State Street NE, Louisville, Ohio. Upon researching the area in question, it was discovered that Ohio Edison is currently servicing several properties within the area. While AEP Ohio is willing to serve this customer, it would be beneficial if service is provided by Ohio Edison given that AEP Ohio would have several issues dealing with tree trimming, rights of way, and crossing a body of water. Ohio Edison states that it has agreed to serve this customer and continue serving adjoining properties. In furtherance of their petition, Ohio Edison states that the affected customers are aware of and in agreement with the proposed reallocation.

{¶ 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 Ohio Edison be appropriately modified as delineated in the joint petition and the maps of the certified territories be amended accordingly.

III. ORDER

{¶ 10} It is, therefore,

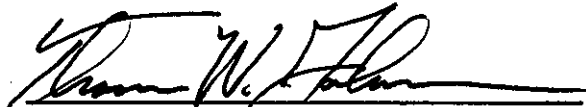
{¶ 11} ORDERED, That the request of AEP Ohio and Ohio Edison to reallocate their territory boundaries be granted. It is, further,

{¶ 12} ORDERED, That the change on quadrangle map G-29, 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.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO


M. Beth Trombold, Chair


Thomas W. Johnson


Lawrence K. Friedeman


Daniel R. Conway

LLA/hac

Entered in the Journal
MAR 13 2019



Tanowa M. Troupe
Secretary