

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATIONS OF
THE OHIO EDISON COMPANY, THE
CLEVELAND ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING
COMPANY AND THE TOLEDO EDISON
COMPANY TO INCLUDE TRANSMISSION
AND DISTRIBUTION PROJECTS IN THEIR
ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND PEAK-DEMAND
REDUCTION PROGRAM PORTFOLIOS.

CASE No. 17-1222-EL-EEC
CASE No. 17-1223-EL-EEC
CASE No. 17-1224-EL-EEC

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on March 27, 2019

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} In this Finding and Order, the Commission approves the applications of the Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and The Toledo Edison Company for approval to include certain transmission and distribution projects toward the Companies' energy efficiency and peak demand reduction benchmarks.

II. APPLICABLE LAW

{¶ 2} R.C. 4928.66 imposes certain annual energy efficiency and peak demand reduction (EEDR) requirements upon Ohio's electric distribution utilities. R.C. 4928.66(A)(2)(d) provides that programs implemented by a utility to meet the statutory reduction requirements may include transmission and distribution infrastructure improvements that reduce line losses. Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-39-04 directs each electric utility to file, for Commission approval, a portfolio plan of EEDR programs to achieve the statutory reductions in peak-demand improvements in energy efficiency.

{¶ 3} Ohio Edison Company (OE), The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (CEI), and The Toledo Edison Company (TE, collectively, the Companies) are public utilities as defined in R.C. 4905.02 and, as such are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 4} On May 15, 2017, the Companies submitted an application for Commission approval to include the efficiency gains resulting from certain transmission and distribution (T&D) projects completed during 2016, in partial compliance with EEDR benchmarks required by R.C. 4928.66.

{¶ 5} On August 8, 2017, Staff filed its recommendation that the application be approved. Staff agrees with the Companies that the projects enhanced the T&D system reliability in specific service areas of the Companies. Staff notes that energy savings claimed for all three Companies T&D projects for 2016 total 34,581 mega-watt hours (MWh), allocated as follows: 21,709 MWh for OE; 7,094 MWh for CEI; and, 5,777 MWh for TE. Staff concludes that the T&D projects under consideration in this application have been shown to provide a sustained reduction in line losses and improvements to the efficient utilization of electricity by the EDUs, and should properly be included for integration in the Companies' EEDR compliance plans.

{¶ 6} No party has filed comments or objections to the application or Staff's recommendation.

{¶ 7} Upon review of the application and Staff's recommendations, the Commission finds that the applications should be granted, and the Companies should amend their EEDR program portfolio plans to include the additional programs.

III. ORDER

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

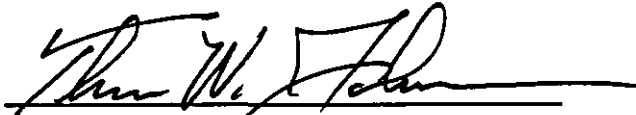
{¶ 9} ORDERED, That the application be approved. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That the Companies adjust their baselines, pursuant to R.C. 4928.66(A)(2)(c), and Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-39-05. It is, further,

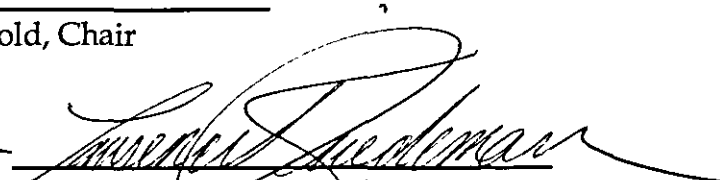
{¶ 11} ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties of record.

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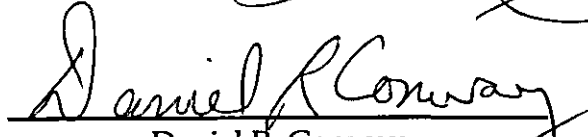
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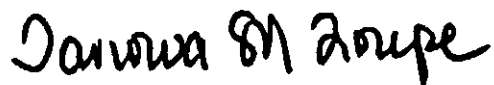
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