

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF OHIO POWER COMPANY TO
UPDATE ITS BASIC TRANSMISSION
COST RIDER.

CASE NO. 19-133-EL-RDR

SUPPLEMENTAL FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on April 24, 2019

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves the amended application of Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio to correct the basic transmission cost rider rate for the GS Non Demand Primary class.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio (AEP Ohio 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} In Case No. 13-2385-EL-SSO, et al., the Commission modified and approved an ESP for AEP Ohio, including approval of the Company's proposed basic transmission cost rider (BTCR), for the period of June 1, 2015, through May 31, 2018. *In re Ohio Power Co.*, Case No. 13-2385-EL-SSO, et al., Opinion and Order (Feb. 25, 2015) at 67-68, Entry (May 28, 2015) at 4-5. The BTCR recovers the non-market-based

transmission costs assessed to AEP Ohio by PJM Interconnection, LLC (PJM). Consistent with R.C. 4928.05, the BTCR is a reconcilable rider by which AEP Ohio passes through to customers the transmission and transmission-related costs charged to the Company by PJM, as authorized by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

{¶ 5} In Case No. 16-1852-EL-SSO, et al., the Commission modified and approved a stipulation and recommendation (Stipulation) filed by AEP Ohio, Staff, and numerous other signatory parties, which authorized the Company to implement an ESP for the period of June 1, 2018, through May 31, 2024. Among other provisions, the Stipulation provided for the continuation of the BTCR. *In re Ohio Power Co.*, Case No. 16-1852-EL-SSO, et al., Opinion and Order (Apr. 25, 2018) at ¶ 94.

{¶ 6} On January 14, 2019, in the above-captioned case, AEP Ohio filed an application to update the BTCR, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-36, and to revise its tariffs, effective with the first day of the April 2019 billing cycle. AEP Ohio supplemented its application on March 20, 2019.

{¶ 7} By Finding and Order dated March 27, 2019, the Commission approved AEP Ohio's application to update the BTCR, as supplemented.

{¶ 8} On April 5, 2019, AEP Ohio filed an amended application, along with two amended schedules. In the amended application, AEP Ohio proposes to modify the BTCR rate for the GS Non Demand Primary class, due to a formulaic error discovered by the Company in its initial application. AEP Ohio explains that the kilowatt hour (kWh) billing units for the GS Non Demand Primary class, as shown on Schedule C-3 of the initial application, incorrectly referenced the kWh billing units for the GS Secondary class. AEP Ohio proposes to implement the necessary rate correction upon an order from the Commission. AEP Ohio also states that it will make the necessary bill adjustments for any customers that were billed at the incorrect rate.

{¶ 9} Upon review of AEP Ohio's amended application, the Commission finds that the amended application does not appear to be unjust or unreasonable and that it should be approved. Further, the Commission finds that no hearing is required on this matter.

III. ORDER

{¶ 10} It is, therefore,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That AEP Ohio's amended application be approved. It is, further,

{¶ 12} ORDERED, That AEP Ohio be authorized to file tariffs, in final form, consistent with this Supplemental Finding and Order. AEP Ohio shall file one copy in this case docket and one copy in its TRF docket. It is, further,

{¶ 13} ORDERED, That the effective date of the new tariffs shall be a date not earlier than the date upon which the final tariff pages are filed with the Commission. It is, further,

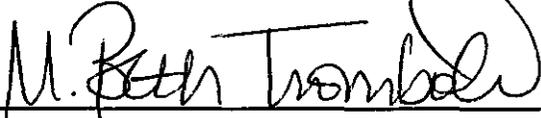
{¶ 14} ORDERED, That nothing in this Supplemental Finding and Order shall be binding upon this Commission in any future proceeding or investigation involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule, or regulation. It is, further,

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

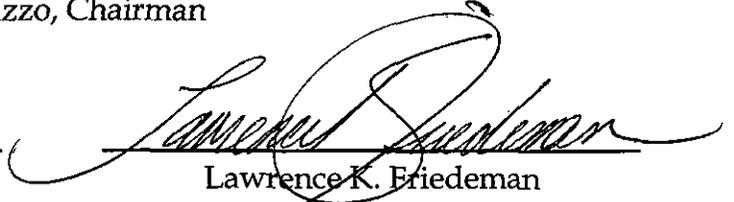
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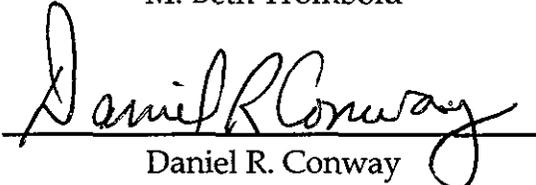
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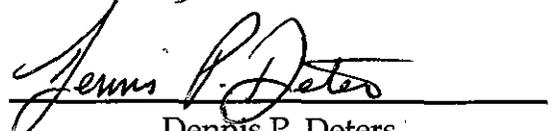
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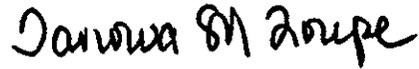
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