

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company for an Increase in Electric Distribution Rates.)))	Case No. 20-585-EL-AIR
In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company, for Tariff Approval)))	Case No. 20-586-EL-ATA
In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company for Approval to Change Accounting Methods)))	Case No. 20-587-EL-AAM

**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE INSTANTER, AND
MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT,
SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

The Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (“Staff”) hereby respectfully moves the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (“Commission”) for leave to file the attached letter instanter. The grounds for this motion are set forth in the accompanying memorandum in support.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

Ohio Admin.Code 4901-7, App.A, Ch. II (B)(9), requires tht a Company applying for an increase in rates include an executive summary of its management policies, practices and organization employed to meet the corporate goals determined by the board of directors and corporate officers. The company must also address up to three functional areas of management policies or practices identified by Staff in a letter filed within ten days of the pre-filing notice.

Applicant Ohio Power Company (Ohio Power) filed its pre-filing notice in this matter on April 29, 2020. Given the circumstances surrounding the declared state of emergency and the pending COVID-19 crisis, Staff inadvertently failed to file its letter specifying the functional areas that it wished for Ohio Power to address within the prescribed ten-day period. It therefore respectfully requests that it be granted leave to file that letter instanter, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A and hereby incorporated by reference.

In its letter, Staff requests that Ohio Power address the following areas:

- Capital Spares policy and procedures; specifically, in the areas of decision making as to the types and level of capital spares maintained by Ohio Power; the practice of sharing capital spares between Ohio Power and its affiliates and the associated accounting for capital spares.
- Processes and controls associated with its Vegetation Management Program; including the processes and controls surrounding the identification and confirmation of needed activity, its execution, and the associated accounting controls and cost recovery.

Staff respectfully submits that Ohio Power will not be prejudiced by this late filing. Staff had previously discussed these topics with Ohio Power, and the company was aware at the time that it filed its pre-filing notice that Staff wished to investigate these topics further. Furthermore, it is Staff's understanding that Ohio Power intends to address these topics when it files testimony in these cases.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests that it be granted leave to file the letter attached hereto as Exhibit A instant.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing **Motion for Leave to File Instanter and Memorandum in Support** was served by regular U.S. mail, postage prepaid, electronic mail, or hand-delivered, upon the following parties of record, this 12th day of June, 2020.

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To the Counsel of Record:

As part of an application to increase rates, the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), requires that the applicant company include an executive summary of its management policies, practices and organization employed to meet the corporate goals determined by the board of directors and corporate officers. §4901-7, App.A, Ch. II (B) (9), OAC. In addition to this summary, the company must also address three staff-identified functional areas of management policies or practices. The staff must file a letter, within ten days of the pre-filing notice, setting forth the three functional areas that the utility must address.

Staff hereby selects the functional areas that Ohio Power Company (Ohio Power) must include in the application to be filed in the above-referenced cases. Ohio Power shall provide the Standard Filing Requirements (SFR) information relating to its Capital Spares policy and procedures; specifically, in the areas of decision making as to the types and level of capital spares maintained by Ohio Power; the practice of sharing capital spares between Ohio Power and its affiliates and the associated accounting for capital spares. Ohio Power shall also include SFR information relating to its processes and controls associated with its Vegetation Management Program; including the processes and controls surrounding the identification and confirmation of needed activity, its execution, and the associated accounting controls and cost recovery.

Respectfully submitted,

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