

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

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

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**OBJECTIONS TO PUCO STAFF REPORT**

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**I. INTRODUCTION**

Pursuant to R.C. 4909.19(C) and Ohio Admin. Code 4901-1-28, EVgo Services LLC (“EVgo”) submits the following objections to the Staff Report filed on November 18, 2020, and modified on November 25, 2020, in Case Nos. 20-585-EL-AIR, 20-586-EL-ATA, and 20-587-ELAAM. These cases relate to Applications filed by the Ohio Power Company (“AEP Ohio”) for authority to increase and otherwise modify its rates and other customer programs.

EVgo’s objections identify elements of the Staff Report that are unjust or unreasonable. The substance of these objections will be supplemented and/or supported with the testimony of anticipated witnesses sponsored by EVgo. EVgo’s objections identify matters in the Staff Report where Staff has either made, or failed to make, recommendations, resulting in rates or service terms that contravene what is just, reasonable and lawful for customers in AEP Ohio territory. Where the Staff has indicated

that its position on a particular issue is not known at the date of the Staff Report, EVgo reserves the right to later supplement its objections once Staff's position is made known. EVgo also reserves the right to file additional expert testimony, produce fact witnesses and introduce additional evidence. Moreover, any witness called by EVgo reserves the right to amend and/or supplement testimony in the event that Staff reverses, modifies, or withdraws its position on any issue contained in the Staff Report.

## **II. OBJECTIONS**

### **A. Demand Side Management (DSM)**

1. EVgo objects that the Staff Report is unjust and unreasonable because it recommends rejecting the DSM Plan, including the Electric Transportation Programs, without providing reasonable cause. For example, Staff cites risks to ratepayers due to regulatory uncertainty surrounding the potential repeal of H.B. 6 without clearly detailing how this legislative uncertainty relates to electric vehicles ("EVs") and electric vehicle charging.<sup>1</sup>

2. EVgo objects to the Staff Report in that it fails to give adequate consideration to the numerous benefits of the DSM program as identified in AEP Ohio testimony, including "supporting the growing electric vehicle charging sector," supporting economic development and job growth in Ohio, and supporting customer interest in energy efficiency programs.<sup>2</sup>

3. EVgo objects to the Staff Report in that it fails to consider the significant ratepayer benefits of the proposed Electric Transportation Program, including by

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<sup>1</sup> PUCO Staff Report, p. 21.

<sup>2</sup> *Direct Testimony of John Williams on behalf of Ohio Power Company*, pp. 14-19 (June 15, 2020).

providing downward electricity rate pressure, reducing transportation emissions, improving system information and program participation, and increasing access to public charging.<sup>3</sup>

4. EVgo objects to the Staff Report in that it fails to consider the appropriate timing of AEP Ohio's proposed implementation of the Electric Transportation Program, including that it would "build on the momentum of its pilot EV charging station rebate program."<sup>4</sup>

## **B. Rates and Tariffs**

1. EVgo objects that the Staff Report failed to consider how rate designs, including commercial EV rates, could also address EV adoption and create benefits to the electric grid.

2. EVgo objects that the Staff Report failed to consider how alternative rate designs, including commercial EV rates, could incentivize electric vehicle charging in AEP Ohio's territory and otherwise support the growing electric vehicle charging sector identified by AEP Ohio.



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<sup>3</sup>See *Direct Testimony of Jeffrey W. Lehman on behalf of Ohio Power Company*, pp. 4-6 (June 15, 2020); see also [https://www.synapse-energy.com/sites/default/files/EV\\_Impacts\\_June\\_2020\\_18-122.pdf](https://www.synapse-energy.com/sites/default/files/EV_Impacts_June_2020_18-122.pdf).

<sup>4</sup> *Direct Testimony of Jeffrey W. Lehman on behalf of Ohio Power Company*, pp. 7:13-14.

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