

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Review of the Power)	
Purchase Agreement Rider of Ohio Power)	Case No. 18-1004-EL-RDR
Company for 2018.)	
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Purchase Agreement Rider of Ohio Power)	Case No. 18-1759-EL-RDR
Company for 2019.)	

**MOTION TO INTERVENE
OF
THE OHIO MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION ENERGY GROUP**

Pursuant to R.C. 4903.221 and Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-11, the Ohio Manufacturers' Association Energy Group (OMAEG) respectfully moves the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) to intervene in this matter with the full powers and rights granted to intervening parties. As directed by the Commission,¹ on September 16, 2020, an auditor submitted an audit report setting forth its analyses and recommendations regarding its prudence and performance review or audit of Ohio Power Company's (AEP) Power Purchase Agreement Rider (Rider PPA) for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019.

As demonstrated in the attached Memorandum in Support, OMAEG has real and substantial interests that may be adversely affected by the outcome herein, and which cannot be adequately represented by any other existing parties. Accordingly, OMAEG satisfies the standard for intervention set forth in Ohio statutes and regulations.

¹ Entry at ¶¶ 14, 16 (March 11, 2020).

Therefore, OMAEG respectfully requests that the Commission grant this motion to intervene and OMAEG be made a full party of record in these proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

On January 15, 2020, the Commission directed the Staff of the Commission to issue a request for proposal for audit services to assist the Commission with its prudence and performance audit of AEP's Rider PPA for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019.² On September 16, 2020, the auditor submitted the audit report. Thereafter, the Commission directed stakeholders to intervene by January 15, 2021, file comments by January 22, 2021, and file reply comments by February 12, 2021.³ As further explained below, OMAEG has a real and substantial interest in the outcome of these proceedings.

R.C. 4903.221 and Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-11 establish the standards for intervention in Commission proceedings. R.C. 4903.221 provides, in pertinent part, that any person "who may be adversely affected" by a Commission proceeding is entitled to seek intervention in that proceeding. R.C. 4903.221(B) further requires the Commission to consider the nature and extent of the prospective intervenor's interest, the legal position advanced by the prospective intervenor and its probable relation to the merits of the case, whether the intervention by the prospective intervenor will unduly prolong or delay the proceeding, and the prospective intervenor's potential

² Entry at ¶ 1 (January 15, 2020).

³ Entry at ¶ 8 (December 7, 2020).

contribution to a just and expeditious resolution of the issues involved. Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-11 permits intervention to a party who demonstrates a real and substantial interest in the proceeding and who is so situated that the disposition of the proceeding may impair or impede its ability to protect that interest and whose interest is not adequately represented by an existing party.

OMAEG is a non-profit entity that strives to improve business conditions in Ohio and drive down the cost of doing business for Ohio manufacturers. OMAEG members and their representatives work directly with elected officials, regulatory agencies, the judiciary, and others: to provide education and information to energy consumers, regulatory boards and suppliers of energy; advance energy policies to promote an adequate, reliable, and efficient supply of energy at reasonable prices; and advocate in critical cases before the Commission. As consumers of significant amounts of energy in AEP's service territory, OMAEG has been involved in numerous AEP cases.⁴ Furthermore, OMAEG's members are subject to and pay the nonbypassable Rider PPA rates.

For these reasons, OMAEG has a direct, real, and substantial interest in the issues raised in this proceeding and is so situated that the disposition of these proceedings may, as a practical matter, impair or impede its ability to protect that interest. It is regularly and actively involved in Commission proceedings and, as in previous proceedings, OMAEG's unique knowledge and perspective will contribute to the full development and equitable resolution of the factual issues in

⁴ See, e.g., *In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company for Authority to Establish a Standard Service Offer Pursuant to R.C. 4928.143, in the Form of an Electric Security Plan*, Case Nos. 16-1852-EL-SSO, et al.; *In the Matter of the Application Seeking Approval of Ohio Power Company's Proposal to Enter into an Affiliate Power Purchase Agreement for Inclusion in the Power Purchase Agreement Rider*, Case Nos. 14-1693-EL-RDR, et al.; *In the Matter of the Application of Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company, Individually and, if Their Proposed Merger is Approved, as a Merged Company (collectively, AEP Ohio) for an Increase in Electric Distribution Rates*, Case Nos. 11-351-EL-AIR, et al..

this case. OMAEG's interest will not be adequately represented by other parties and its timely intervention will not unduly delay or prolong these proceedings.

As discussed above, OMAEG satisfies the criteria for intervention set out in R.C. 4903.221 and Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-11. OMAEG, therefore, respectfully requests that the Commission grant this motion, allow OMAEG to intervene with the full powers and rights granted by the Commission to intervening parties, and make OMAEG a full party of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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