

**THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE 2014 REVIEW OF  
THE DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT AND  
ENERGY EFFICIENCY RIDER OF OHIO  
EDISON COMPANY, THE CLEVELAND  
ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING COMPANY, AND  
THE TOLEDO EDISON COMPANY.**

**CASE NO. 13-2173-EL-RDR**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE 2015 REVIEW OF  
THE DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT AND  
ENERGY EFFICIENCY RIDER OF OHIO  
EDISON COMPANY, THE CLEVELAND  
ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING COMPANY, AND  
THE TOLEDO EDISON COMPANY.**

**CASE NO. 14-1947-EL-RDR**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE 2016 REVIEW OF  
THE DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT AND  
ENERGY EFFICIENCY RIDER OF OHIO  
EDISON COMPANY, THE CLEVELAND  
ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING COMPANY, AND  
THE TOLEDO EDISON COMPANY.**

**CASE NO. 15-1843-EL-RDR**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE 2017 REVIEW OF  
THE DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT AND  
ENERGY EFFICIENCY RIDER OF OHIO  
EDISON COMPANY, THE CLEVELAND  
ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING COMPANY, AND  
THE TOLEDO EDISON COMPANY.**

**CASE NO. 16-2167-EL-RDR**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE 2018 REVIEW OF  
THE DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT AND  
ENERGY EFFICIENCY RIDER OF OHIO  
EDISON COMPANY, THE CLEVELAND  
ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING COMPANY, AND  
THE TOLEDO EDISON COMPANY.**

**CASE NO. 17-2277-EL-RDR**

**ENTRY**

Entered in the Journal on May 17, 2021

**{¶ 1}** Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and  
The Toledo Edison Company (collectively, FirstEnergy or the Companies) are electric

distribution utilities as defined in R.C. 4928.01(A)(6) and public utilities as defined in R.C. 4905.02, and, as such, are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 2} R.C. 4928.141 provides that an electric distribution utility shall provide customers within its certified territory a standard service offer (SSO) of all competitive retail electric services necessary to maintain essential electric services to customers, including 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.

{¶ 3} The Commission has approved several riders in FirstEnergy's ESP proceedings, some of which require the Companies to file semi-annual updates no later than December 1st and June 1st of each year and are subject to an annual audit by the Commission. One of these Commission-approved riders is the Demand Side Management and Energy Efficiency Rider (Rider DSE). *In re FirstEnergy*, Case No. 08-935-EL-SSO, et al.; *In re FirstEnergy*, Case No. 10-388-EL-SSO; *In re FirstEnergy*, Case No. 12-1230-EL-SSO; *In re FirstEnergy*, Case No. 14-1297-EL-SSO. Rider DSE recovers costs incurred by the Companies associated with energy efficiency, peak demand reduction, and demand side management programs.

{¶ 4} On March 24, 2015, FirstEnergy filed an application in Case No. 13-2173-EL-RDR, in support of Staff's 2014 annual review of Rider DSE (*2014 Rider DSE Review*).

{¶ 5} On March 31, 2016, FirstEnergy filed an application in Case No. 14-1947-EL-RDR, in support of Staff's 2015 annual review of Rider DSE (*2015 Rider DSE Review*). The Ohio Manufacturers' Association Energy Group filed a motion to intervene on March 26, 2015.

{¶ 6} On March 31, 2017, FirstEnergy filed an application in Case No. 15-1843-EL-RDR, in support of Staff's 2016 annual review of Rider DSE (*2016 Rider DSE Review*). OCC filed a motion to intervene on April 10, 2017.

{¶ 7} On March 30, 2018, FirstEnergy filed an application in Case No. 16-2167-EL-RDR, in support of Staff's 2017 annual review of Rider DSE (*2017 Rider DSE Review*). OCC filed a motion to intervene on June 23, 2017.

{¶ 8} On March 29, 2019, FirstEnergy filed an application in Case No. 17-2277-EL-RDR, in support of Staff's 2018 annual review of Rider DSE (*2018 Rider DSE Review*).

{¶ 9} On June 28, 2018, Staff filed its review and recommendations in the *2014 Rider DSE Review* and *2015 Rider DSE Review*. Subsequently, on July 29, 2019, Staff filed its review and recommendation in the *2016 Rider DSE Review*.

{¶ 10} FirstEnergy filed comments in response to Staff's recommendations in the *2014 Rider DSE Review* and *2015 Rider DSE Review* on February 28, 2019.

{¶ 11} By Entry issued January 29, 2020, the attorney examiner consolidated the above-captioned proceedings and established a procedural schedule.

{¶ 12} On March 9, 2020, the governor signed Executive Order 2020-01D (Executive Order), declaring a state of emergency in Ohio to protect the well-being of Ohioans from the dangerous effects of COVID-19. As described in the Executive Order, state agencies are required to implement procedures consistent with recommendations from the Department of Health to prevent or alleviate the public health threat associated with COVID-19. Additionally, all citizens are urged to heed the advice of the Department of Health regarding this public health emergency in order to protect their health and safety. The Executive Order was effective immediately and will remain in effect until the COVID-19 emergency no longer exists. The Department of Health is making COVID-19 information, including information on preventative measures, available via the internet at [coronavirus.ohio.gov/](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/).

{¶ 13} Given the concerns raised in the Executive Order, the attorney examiner rescheduled the hearing to commence on December 14, 2020; however, on November 2,

2020, the attorney examiner issued an Entry indicating that a new hearing date would be set by subsequent entry.

{¶ 14} Accordingly, in order to discuss mutually agreeable hearing dates, the parties shall participate in a prehearing conference on May 27, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. ET. Additionally, given the current state of emergency in Ohio, the prehearing conference will be held remotely. Instructions for participation in the prehearing conference shall be emailed to the parties. Anyone interested in observing the prehearing conference as a nonparty can access the prehearing using the link <http://bit.ly/13-2173-PHC>, and entering the password PUCO, or by calling 1-408-418-9388, and entering code 173 008 9585.

{¶ 15} It is, therefore,

{¶ 16} ORDERED, That a prehearing conference be scheduled in accordance with Paragraph 14. It is, further,

{¶ 17} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties and interested persons of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

/s/Megan J. Addison

By: Megan J. Addison  
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry scheduling a prehearing conference for 5.27.21 at 1:00 p. m. ET. electronically filed by Kelli C. King on behalf of Megan J. Addison, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio