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Docketing Division
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus OH 43215

RE: *In the Matter of the Review of the Auction Cost Reconciliation Rider contained in the tariffs of Ohio Power Company, Case No. 15-1052-EL-RDR*

Dear Docketing Division:

Enclosed please find an Updated Review and Recommendations of the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Staff) in the Matter of Ohio Power Company to Update Its Auction Cost Reconciliation Rider, Case No. 15-1052-EL-RDR.

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David Liphtratt
Chief, Accounting and Finance Division
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Enclosure
Cc: Parties of Record

Ohio Power Company
Case No. 15-1052-EL-RDR (ACRR)

SUMMARY

Ohio Power Company (Company) updates the auction cost reconciliation rider (ACRR) on a quarterly basis in Case No. 15-1052-EL-RDR, subject to reconciliation and an annual audit by Staff. On June 23, 2021, Staff filed its Review and Recommendation letter, recommending an adjustment of \$234,654 for the July 2019 to June 2020 review period.

On July 23, 2021, the Company submitted a reply letter indicating the recommended adjustment made by Staff disallows \$128,654 that they believe was properly included in the ACRR reconciliation and also includes \$106,000 in incremental adjustments not yet incurred for the audit period under review.

STAFF REVIEW

In response to the Company's July 23, 2021 reply letter, Staff reviewed the charges/credits and related accounting, issued additional data requests, and held a follow-up meeting with the Company. As a result, Staff acknowledges it included \$106,000 related to the subsequent audit period in its recommended adjustment in error, and mis-stated that an adjustment was needed related to the supplier bills totaling \$128,424 in bi-lateral adjustments.

A correcting entry to remove the \$229.84 of expenses improperly included in ACRR in March 2021 will be verified and reviewed during the subsequent audit period covering July 2020 – June 2021 to ensure it was properly excluded from rates.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Subject to the recommendations contained in this letter, Staff recommends that the ACRR quarterly filings for the review period be accepted as filed.

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Case No(s). 15-1052-EL-RDR

Summary: Staff Review and Recommendation - updated annual review of Ohio Power Company's Auction Cost Reconciliation Rider electronically filed by Zee Molter on behalf of PUCO Staff