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Docketing Division  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
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RE: *In the Matter of the Annual Report of the Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Ohio for Approval of an Adjustment to its Infrastructure Development Rider, Case No. 21-520-GA-IDR.*

Dear Docketing Division:

Enclosed please find the Staff's Review and Recommendation in regard to Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Ohio, application in Case No. 21-520-GA-IDR for approval of its economic development projects annual report and request to adjust its Infrastructure Development Rider.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Marianne Younsen".

Chief, Regulatory Utility Services  
Rates and Analysis, Dept.  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

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Section Chief, Regulatory Utility Services  
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Enclosure  
Cc: Parties of Record

**Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc.  
d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Ohio  
Case No. 21-520-GA-IDR**

**BACKGROUND:**

By Finding and Order (Order) on January 24, 2018, in Case No. 17-1905-GA-ORD, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) adopted revised rules in accordance with Ohio Adm. Code 4901:1-43 concerning the recovery of infrastructure development costs for natural gas company infrastructure development to implement R.C. 4929.16 - 4929.167. These rules allow natural gas companies to file applications for an infrastructure development rider (IDR) to recover costs of certain economic development projects. The rules require natural gas companies to file an annual report with the Commission containing a detail of infrastructure development costs related to economic development projects, and to set forth the rider rate for the twelve months following the annual report. The annual report shall be filed not less than 75 days prior to the proposed effective date of the updated IDR, and the rider rate will become effective automatically on the 75<sup>th</sup> day after the filing of the annual report unless suspended by the Commission for good cause shown.

In Case Nos. 19-1161-GA-ATA and 19-1162-GA-IDR, Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Ohio (CEOH or Company) filed an application to adopt an infrastructure development rider (IDR) tariff. The Company proposed to incorporate a new rider known as Infrastructure Development Rider (IDR) into its tariff. By Finding and Order on July 2, 2019, the Commission approved Vectren's tariff.

On October 19, 2021, in Case No. 21-520-GA-IDR, CEOH filed its annual report in an application to adjust its infrastructure development rider (IDR) rate.

**SUMMARY OF APPLICATION:**

CEOH's Infrastructure Development Rider application proposes to change the IDR rate from the current \$0.18 per month to \$0.02 per month beginning with January 2022 billing. The computation of the IDR rate is based on infrastructure development costs incurred during the calendar year 2020 for Commission-approved economic development projects (EDP). According to the Company, the rate properly matches recoveries with expenses, is consistent with recovery methods proposed in Case Nos. 19-1161-GA-ATA and 19-1162-GA-IDR, does not result in over-collection of costs due to the annual true-up program requirements, and does not recover more than the annual caps for incurred infrastructure development costs from approved EDP. CEOH proposes an effective date of January 2021 billing for the rider, which is not less than 75 days after the filing of the annual report.

The Company proposes setting the initial IDR rate at \$0.02 beginning January 2022. Then, at the end of October 2022, CEOH would file a compliance filing setting the IDR Rate to \$0.00, effective on or around November 2022. The Company proposes this second filing in order to avoid over recovery of allowable costs.

**STAFF'S REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Staff has reviewed CEOH's annual report and rider adjustment in this case. Staff audited plant additions contained in the filing, reviewed invoices, and the general ledger. Staff also verified the calculation for the new rider rate. Staff received verification that the IDR plant included in this filing is owned and operated by the Company. Staff agrees with the Company's proposal to file a revised tariff as the balance of IDR costs approaches zero. Staff recommends that the Company file with Staff an informal monthly accounting of IDR balances starting in September 2022 until the balance is zero and the new tariff is filed.

Based on this review, in Staff's opinion, CEOH's annual report and rider adjustment are consistent with the Commission's rules governing the IDR annual report and rider adjustment process. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Commission accept CEOH's annual report in this case and approve the proposed decrease to the Infrastructure Development Rider rate by operation of the automatic approval process established by the Ohio Adm. Code 4901:1-43-04(D).

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Summary: Staff Review and Recommendation in regard to Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Ohio, application in Case No. 21-520-GA-IDR for approval of its annual report and request to adjust its Infrastructure Development Rider electronically filed by Ms. Nicci Crocker on behalf of PUCO Staff