

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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OF OHIO POWER COMPANY D/B/A AEP
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FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on May 18, 2022

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} In this Finding and Order, the Commission grants the joint petitions of Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio, Inc. and Union Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. to reallocate their electric certified territories in Jerome Township, Union County, Ohio.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} On March 7, 2012, the Commission approved and confirmed the merger of Columbus Southern Power Company into Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio, Inc. (AEP). *In re Ohio Power Co. and Columbus Southern Power Co.*, Case No. 10-2376-EL-UNC, Entry (Mar. 7, 2012).

{¶ 3} AEP and Union Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Union Rural) are electric suppliers as defined in R.C. 4933.81 with certified territories established by the Commission in Case No. 78-1311-EL-ORD.

{¶ 4} Pursuant to R.C. 4933.83(E), two or more electric suppliers may jointly petition the Commission to reallocate their certified territories and electric load centers. In their petition, the electric suppliers shall designate which portion of their territories and electric load centers will be served by each electric supplier.

{¶ 5} On April 11, 2022, Union Rural and AEP filed joint petitions in the above-captioned cases to reallocate their certified territories to include two overlap locations in Union Rural's certified territory to allow AEP to serve the properties located at 8619 Industrial Pkwy, Plain City, Ohio, 43064 (parcel numbers 1500220390000, 1500260041000 and 1500260040000) and 8567 Warner Rd, Plain City, Ohio, 43064 (parcel number 1500300200000). According to the petitions, a boundary change is not appropriate as the overlaps are limited to these locations and the site is not easily carved out.

{¶ 6} On April 21, 2022, Staff filed a review and recommendation of each petition in the above-captioned case dockets. Staff states that it reviewed the petitions and that the petitioners and all affected customers agree with the proposed reallocations. Included with each Staff filing is a map depicting the relevant overlaps. Based upon its review, Staff recommends approval of the proposed reallocations of territories.

{¶ 7} No objections were filed to the joint petitions for reallocation.

{¶ 8} The Commission finds that granting the requested relief will promote the purposes of R.C. 4933.81 to 4933.90, and will further promote the provision of adequate service to all territories and electric load centers affected by the reallocation, as required by R.C. 4933.83(E). Accordingly, the Commission finds that the joint petitions are reasonable and should be approved.

{¶ 9} The Commission, therefore, directs that the certified territories of AEP and Union Rural be appropriately modified as delineated in the joint petitions, and the maps of the certified territories be amended accordingly.

III. ORDER

{¶ 10} It is, therefore,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That the requests of Union Rural and AEP to reallocate their certified territories be granted. It is, further,

{¶ 12} ORDERED, That the changes on quadrangle maps M-14 and N-14, described in the joint petitions and Staff reviews and recommendations, be approved. It is, further,

{¶ 13} ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon each party of record.

COMMISSIONERS:

Approving:

Jenifer French, Chair

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Summary: Finding & Order granting the joint petitions of Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio, Inc. and Union Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. to reallocate their electric certified territories in Jerome Township, Union County, Ohio electronically filed by Heather A. Chilcote on behalf of Public Utilities Commission of Ohio