

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of Updating the Solar Generation) Case No. 22-1052-EL-RDR
Fund Rider Ohio Power Company.)

**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 demonstrated in the attached Memorandum in Support, OMAEG has a real and substantial interest in this proceeding that may be adversely affected by the outcome herein, and which cannot be adequately represented by any other party. Accordingly, OMAEG satisfies the standard for intervention set forth in Ohio statutes and regulations.

Therefore, OMAEG respectfully requests that the Commission grant this motion to intervene for the reasons stated herein and as more fully set forth in the attached Memorandum in Support. OMAEG also requests that it be made a full party of record in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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Following the enactment of H.B. 128 in 2021, the Commission established the nonbypassable Solar Generation Fund Rider (Rider SGF) as a rate mechanism for the retail recovery of costs related to the solar generation fund for the period up to December 31, 2027.¹ The Commission ordered Rider SGF to be established with an annual revenue requirement of \$20 million and created charges for all non-residential customers as a monthly per kWh charge for all kWhs up to 833,000 kWhs per month per account to collect costs related to the Solar Generation Fund.² Rider SGF was established to apply a monthly cost cap of \$242 to any non-residential customers eligible to become self-assessing purchasers.³

Over OMAEG's objections,⁴ the Commission approved riders for the utilities with a \$20 million revenue requirement regardless of whether that amount is required for disbursements from

¹ *In the Matter of Establishing the Solar Generation Fund Rider Pursuant to R.C. 3706.46*, Case No. 21-447-EL-UNC, Entry (July 14, 2021).

² *Id.* at ¶5, ¶19.

³ *Id.* at ¶ 4.

⁴ OMAEG appealed the Commission’s decision to the Supreme Court of Ohio, where a final decision remains pending. *In the Matter of Establishing the Solar Generation Fund Rider Pursuant to R.C. 3706.46*, 2021-Ohio-1374, Notice of Appeal (November 8, 2021).

the Solar Generation Fund.⁵ The Commission also established Rider SGF on a per account basis instead of on a per customer basis as prescribed by law.⁶

On November 10, 2022, AEP filed a so called “application” to update Rider SGF.⁷ This one-page letter filing and tariff update was filed without documentation and without support for the calculation.⁸ AEP simply states that it “coordinated with Staff to revise the Rider SGF rates” and that the update would become effective January 1, 2023, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.⁹ AEP proposes increasing Rider SGF to \$0.000285/kWh.¹⁰ This increase comes despite a notable lack of any evidence or findings as to whether qualifying facilities were actually operating and earning credits during the prior twelve-month period, or will be operating and earning credits during the entirety of the next twelve-month period. Without such a showing and without any documentation or data, the prudence of both the charges themselves and the increased rates come into question. Accordingly, OMAEG hereby moves to intervene in this matter in order to ensure that its members only pay just and reasonable rates for AEP’s electric distribution service, including Rider SGF rates. Given the impact that approval of AEP’s increased rider rate will have on Ohio’s manufacturers, OMAEG has a real and substantial interest in the outcome of this proceeding.

R.C. 4903.221 and Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-11 establish the standard for intervention in the above-captioned proceeding. R.C. 4903.221 provides, in part, that any person “who may be

⁵ See *In the Matter of Establishing the Solar Generation Fund Rider Pursuant to R.C. 3706.46*, Case No. 21-447-EL-UNC, OMAEG Application for Rehearing (August 13, 2021).

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ *In the Matter of Updating the Solar Generation Fund Rider Ohio Power Company*, Case No. 22-1052-EL-RDR, Application at 1 (November 10, 2022).

⁸ See *id.*

⁹ *Id.* at 1.

¹⁰ *Id.* at 2.

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 contribution to a just and expeditious resolution of the issues involved.

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 the media 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 cases before the Commission involving AEP,¹¹ including the proceeding that established Rider SGF.¹² Here, OMAEG has a substantial interest in ensuring that AEP only charges its customers just, reasonable, and prudent 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 this proceeding may, as a practical matter, impair or impede its ability to protect that interest. It is regularly and actively involved in

¹¹ See, e.g., *In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company for an Increase in Electric Distribution Rates*, Case Nos. 20-585-EL-AIR, et al.; *In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company for Approval of its Temporary Plan for Addressing the COVID-19 State of Emergency*, Case Nos. 20-602-EL-UNC, et al.; *In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company to Initiate its gridSMART Phase 3 Project*, Case No. 19-1475-EL-RDR; *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.

¹² *In the Matter of Establishing the Solar Generation Fund Rider Pursuant to R.C. 3706.46*, Case No. 21-447-EL-UNC.

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

Because OMAEG satisfies the criteria set forth in R.C. 4903.221 and Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-11, it is authorized to intervene in this proceeding with the full powers and rights granted by the Commission to intervening parties. Accordingly, OMAEG respectfully requests that the Commission grant this motion to intervene and that OMAEG be made a full party of record.

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