

# THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT PETITION  
OF OHIO POWER COMPANY DBA AEP  
OHIO, INC. AND FRONTIER POWER  
COMPANY TO REVISE THEIR CERTIFIED  
TERRITORIES.

CASE NO. 23-43-EL-PEB

## FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on March 8, 2023

### I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} In this Finding and Order, the Commission grants the joint petition of Ohio Power Company dba AEP Ohio, Inc. and Frontier Power Company to reallocate their electric certified territories in Jefferson Township, Coshocton 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 dba AEP Ohio (AEP). *In re Ohio Power Co. and Columbus Southern Power Co.*, Case No. 10-2376-EL-UNC, Entry (Mar. 7, 2012).

{¶ 3} AEP and Frontier Power Company (Frontier) 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 January 12, 2023, AEP and Frontier jointly petitioned the Commission to reallocate their certified territories to allow AEP to provide 3-phase service for a grain dryer in Frontier's territory. AEP plans to extend the primary line approximately 2,500 feet to the customer load center, which is approximately six miles away from Frontier.

{¶ 6} On February 13, 2023, Staff filed a review and recommendation of the petition. Based upon Staff's review, the length of line required to reach the customer load center is 2,500 feet for AEP and six miles for Frontier. Staff states that all affected customers are in agreement with the proposed reallocation. Included with the Staff filing is a map depicting the relevant boundary changes. Based upon its review, Staff recommends approval of the proposed reallocation of territories.

{¶ 7} No objections were filed to the joint petition 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 petition is reasonable and should be approved.

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

### III. ORDER

{¶ 10} It is, therefore,

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

{¶ 12} ORDERED, That the change on quadrangle map L-23, described in the joint petition and the Staff review and recommendation, be approved. It is, further,

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

**COMMISSIONERS:**

*Approving:*

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Daniel R. Conway

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