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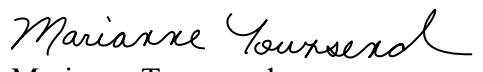
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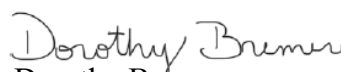
RE: *In the Matter of the Application of the Ohio Power Company to Update Its Basic  
Transmission Cost Rider, Case No. 23-57-EL-RDR*

Dear Docketing Division:

Enclosed please find the Staff's Review and Recommendations in regard to the application filed by Ohio Power Company to update its Basic Transmission Cost Rider in Case No. 23-57-EL-RDR.

Sincerely,

  
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Enclosure  
Cc: Parties of Record

**Ohio Power Company**  
**Case No. 23-57-EL-RDR**

**Summary**

On January 17, 2023, Ohio Power Company (Ohio Power or Company) filed an application to update its Basic Transmission Cost Rider (BTCR). On March 7, the Company filed an amendment to its application to correct an error that was made in calculating the proposed rates. Through the BTCR, Ohio Power recovers the non-market based transmission charges assessed to it by PJM Interconnection, LLC (PJM), as authorized by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The Commission authorized the establishment of this rider in Case No. 13-2385-EL-SSO. Through Case No. 16-1852-EL-SSO, the Commission continued the BTCR, with modification, for the period of June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2024.

The BTCR Pilot was approved in Case No. 16-1852-EL-SSO. Participants of the Pilot are billed for demand related transmission costs based on their individual Network Service Peak Load (NSPL). This provides an opportunity for these customers to control their transmission related costs by controlling their NSPL. Pursuant to the Commission's Opinion and Order in Case No. 20-585-EL-AIR, the BTCR pilot participation cap was increased to 800 MW for 2022, 900 MW for 2023, and 1,000 MW for 2024. The pilot participation load in this case is below the 900 MW cap for 2023.

**Staff Review and Recommendations**

In its review of the application, amended on March 7, 2023, Staff examined the as-filed schedules for consistency with Commission's Opinion and Orders in previous cases and conducted this audit through a combination of document review, interviews, and interrogatories. For the audit period January through December 2022, Staff requested documentation as needed to determine that the costs were substantiated and jurisdictional or to conclude that an adjustment was warranted.

In Case No. 22-41-EL-RDR, Staff recommended approval of the Company's application subject to Staff's continued review. Staff concluded its review and found the Company was able to provide all the required documentation to support its application.

On March 7, 2023, the Company filed an amended application to correct a rate calculation error in its original application. In its original application the Company inadvertently grossed up billing determinants for the BTCR Pilot Customers that were already grossed up for losses. The amendment has no impact on the total revenue requirement. Staff has reviewed the amended schedules and proposed rates and believes they have been appropriately amended to correct the rate calculation error.

## **Conclusion**

Staff recommends that the amended application filed on March 7, 2023 be approved. Staff recommends that the rates become effective on the first billing cycle of April 2023.

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