THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE OVEC GENERATION PURCHASE RIDER AUDITS REQUIRED BY R.C. 4928.148 FOR DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC., THE DAYTON POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY, AND AEP OHIO.

CASE NO. 21-477-EL-RDR

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on April 7, 2023

I. DISCUSSION

{¶ 1} Duke Energy Ohio, the Dayton Power and Light Company d/b/a AES Ohio, and AEP Ohio, (collectively, the Companies) are electric distribution utilities (EDUs), as defined by R.C. 4928.01(A)(6), and public utilities, as defined in R.C. 4905.02, and, as such, are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 2} R.C. 4928.148, which became effective on October 22, 2019, requires the Commission to: (1) establish a replacement nonbypassable rate mechanism for the retail recovery of prudently incurred costs related to a legacy generation resource (LGR) for the period commencing January 1, 2020 and extending up to December 31, 2030; and (2) determine the prudence and reasonableness of the actions of EDUs with ownership interests in the LGR.

{¶ 3} By Entry issued on November 21, 2019, in Case No. 19-1808-EL-UNC, the Commission established the LGR Rider pursuant to R.C. 4928.148. *In the Matter of Establishing the Nonbypassable Recovery Mechanism for Net Legacy Generation Resource Costs Pursuant to R.C.* 4928.148, Case No. 19-1808-EL-UNC.

{¶ 4} In accordance with R.C. 4928.148(A)(1), the Commission is required to determine the prudence and reasonableness of the actions of EDUs with LGR ownership interests during years 2021, 2024, 2027, and 2030.

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{¶ 5} To assist the Commission with the audit of the Companies' actions in regard to their LGR ownership for the period from January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020, by Entry issued in this proceeding on May 5, 2021, the Commission directed the Commission Staff (Staff) to issue a request for proposal for audit services.

{¶ 6} On July 14, 2021, the Commission selected London Economics International as the third-party auditor to assist with the prudency and reasonableness audit.

{¶ 7} On December 17, 2021, Staff filed in this docket the audit of the LGR for each of the Companies.

{¶ **8}** At this time, the attorney examiner finds it appropriate to set a comment period in this case concerning the audit reports of the LGR for the Companies. Initial comments shall be filed by May 8, 2023, and reply comments shall be filed by May 23, 2023.

II. ORDER

 $\{\P 9\}$ It is, therefore,

{**¶ 10**} ORDERED, That initial comments be filed by May 8, 2023, and reply comments be filed by May 23, 2023, in accordance with Paragraph 8. It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

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/s/Jesse M. Davis

By: Jesse M. Davis Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry that initial comments shall be filed by May 8, 2023, and reply comments shall be filed by May 23, 2023 electronically filed by Ms. Donielle M. Hunter on behalf of Jesse M. Davis, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.