

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
OHIO EDISON COMPANY, THE  
CLEVELAND ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING  
COMPANY, AND THE TOLEDO EDISON  
COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO  
ESTABLISH A STANDARD SERVICE OFFER  
PURSUANT TO R.C. 4928.143 IN THE  
FORM OF AN ELECTRIC SECURITY PLAN.

CASE NO. 23-301-EL-SSO

### ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on August 10, 2023

{¶ 1} Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and The Toledo Edison Company (collectively, FirstEnergy or the Companies) are electric distribution utilities, as defined in R.C. 4928.01(A)(6), and public utilities, as defined under R.C. 4905.02. As such, the Companies are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 2} R.C. 4928.141 mandates that an electric distribution utility shall provide a standard service offer (SSO) of all competitive retail electric services necessary to maintain essential electric services to customers, including a firm supply of electric generation service, to all consumers within its certified territory. The SSO may be either a market rate offer in accordance with R.C. 4928.142 or an electric security plan (ESP) in accordance with R.C. 4928.143.

{¶ 3} Most recently, in Case No. 14-1297-EL-SSO, the Commission modified and approved, pursuant to the stipulations filed in that case, FirstEnergy's application for its fourth ESP to commence on June 1, 2016, and continue through May 31, 2024, pursuant to R.C. 4928.143. *In re Ohio Edison Co., The Cleveland Elec. Illum. Co., and The Toledo Edison Co.*, Case No. 14-1297-EL-SSO, Opinion and Order (Mar. 31, 2016); Fifth Entry on Rehearing (Oct. 12, 2016); Eighth Entry on Rehearing (Aug. 16, 2017).

{¶ 4} On April 5, 2023, FirstEnergy filed an application that, if approved, would establish the Companies' fifth ESP for a period to commence on June 1, 2024, and continue through May 31, 2032.

{¶ 5} A technical conference was held on May 10, 2023, to allow interested persons the opportunity to better understand the Companies' application.

{¶ 6} By Entry issued July 19, 2023, the attorney examiner established a procedural schedule. The Entry stated that local public hearings would be scheduled by subsequent Entry.

{¶ 7} The attorney examiner finds that, pursuant to the July 19, 2023 Entry and in order to provide customers of FirstEnergy a reasonable opportunity to provide public testimony in this proceeding, the following local public hearings will be conducted on the following dates:

- a. September 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at Cleveland City Hall, Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Room 218, 601 Lakeside Avenue East, Cleveland, Ohio 44114.
- b. September 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at Board of Lucas County Commissioners, One Government Center, Suite 800, Toledo, Ohio 43604.
- c. September 26, 2023, at 4:30 p.m., at the Akron-Summit County Public Library, 60 South High Street, Room 2AB, Akron, Ohio 44308.

{¶ 8} FirstEnergy is directed to publish notice of the local public hearings one time in a newspaper of general circulation in each county in its certified territory. The notice should not appear in the legal notices section of the newspaper and should read as follows:

LEGAL NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled local hearings in Case No. 23-301-EL-SSO, In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Edison Company,

The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and The Toledo Edison Company for Authority to Establish a Standard Service Offer Pursuant to R.C. 4928.143, in the Form of an Electric Security Plan. In this proceeding, the Commission will consider the Companies' application requesting approval of an electric security plan filed on April 5, 2023, and matters related to the Company's procurement of power for the period of June 1, 2024, through May 31, 2032. The local hearings are scheduled for the purpose of providing an opportunity for interested members of the public to testify in these proceedings. The local hearings will be held as follows:

- a. September 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at Cleveland City Hall, Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, Room 218, 601 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114.
- b. September 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at Board of Lucas County Commissioners, One Government Center, Suite 800, Toledo, Ohio 43604.
- c. September 26, 2023, at 4:30 p.m., at the Akron-Summit County Public Library, 60 South High Street, Room 2AB, Akron, Ohio 44308.

An evidentiary hearing regarding the provisions of the Company's electric security plan will commence on November 7, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, Hearing Room 11-A, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Further information regarding this case may be obtained by: contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793; viewing the case docket on the Commission's web page at <http://www.puco.ohio.gov>, Docketing Information System and entering the case number, Case No. 23-301-EL-SSO in the Case Lookup box; or contacting the Commission's hotline at 1-800-686-7826.

{¶ 9} It is, therefore,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That the local public hearings in these matters be held as set forth in Paragraph 7. It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That FirstEnergy publish notice of the hearings as set forth in Paragraph 8. It is, further,

{¶ 12} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all interested persons and parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

/s/Megan J. Addison

By: Megan J. Addison  
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry that the local public hearings in these matters be held as set forth in Paragraph 7; that FirstEnergy publish notice of the hearings as set forth in Paragraph 8 electronically filed by Ms. Donielle M. Hunter on behalf of Megan J. Addison, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.