#### THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF Ohio Power Company for Approval of Changes to its Bill Format.

CASE NO. 23-925-EL-UNC

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF OHIO POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A WAIVER OF SPECIFIC SECTIONS OF THE OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

CASE NO. 21-1209-EL-WVR

#### ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on November 15, 2023

**{¶ 1}** Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio (AEP Ohio) is a public utility and electric light company as defined in R.C. 4905.02 and 4905.03(C) respectively, and an electric distribution utility as defined in R.C. 4928.01(A)(6), and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

**{¶ 2}** Pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-10-33(F), if the Commission does not act upon an electric utility's application for a consolidated bill format change within 45 calendar days, the new bill format shall be deemed approved on the 46th day after the filing.

**{¶ 3}** On October 3, 2023, in Case No. 23-925-EL-UNC, AEP Ohio filed an application for approval of a revised consolidated bill format. AEP Ohio proposes a redesign of the bill for all customers that are shopping with a competitive retail electric service provider. Further, AEP Ohio represents that the proposed modifications will reduce customer confusion by identifying charges from providers other than AEP Ohio and specifying non-jurisdictional services as required by Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-10-33. AEP Ohio also notes that it filed this application within the 18-month waiver period of the rule change to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-10-33(A) that the Commission granted in Case No. 21-1209-EL-WVR, running from May 18, 2022 through November 18, 2023. *In re Ohio Power Co.*, Case No. 21-1209-EL-WVR, Finding and Order (May 18, 2022).

**{¶ 4}** The attorney examiner finds that additional information and investigation is necessary to thoroughly review AEP Ohio's application to revise its bill format. Therefore, good cause exists to suspend the 45-day automatic approval process in order for the Commission and its Staff to further investigate this matter. Further, the attorney examiner finds that the 18-month waiver of implementation of the rule change to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-10-33(A), previously granted in Case No. 21-1209-EL-WVR, should be extended during the pendency of this matter.

{¶ 5} It is, therefore,

**{¶ 6}** ORDERED, That AEP Ohio's application for approval of a revised consolidated bill format be suspended in accordance with Paragraph 4. It is, further,

**{¶ 7}** ORDERED, That the 18-month waiver of the implementation of the rule change to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-10-33(A) previously granted in Case No. 21-1209-EL-WVR be extended during the pendency of this matter, in accordance with Paragraph 4. It is further,

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

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/s/ David M. Hicks

By: David M. Hicks Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry suspending the automatic approval process for the consolidated bill format and extending the waiver period during the pendency of this matter electronically filed by Ms. Mary E. Fischer on behalf of David M. Hicks, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.