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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

Donald D. Hatfield)	
)	
COMPLAINANT,)	
)	
vs.)	CASE NO. 02-907-EL-CSS
)	
OHIO EDISON COMPANY)	
)	
RESPONDENT.)	

ANSWER
OF OHIO EDISON COMPANY

Comes now Respondent, Ohio Edison Company, by counsel, and for its Answer to the Complaint filed in the instant action says that:

1. Ohio Edison Company is a public utility, as defined by §4905.03(A)(4), O.R.C. and is duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Ohio.
2. Ohio Edison admits commencing electric service, at Complainant's request, on December 21, 2001 at 211 West Johnny Lytle, Springfield, Ohio. Ohio Edison admits sending the Complainant bills for electricity used at that rental premises in the amount of \$95.69 with a bill dated January 31, 2002, and \$88.09 with a bill dated March 7, 2002.
3. Ohio Edison admits that it tested Complainant's meter and that the meter tested accurate within the tolerances permitted by Commission rule. Ohio Edison admits that it installed a new meter at the Complainant's rental premises at Complainant's request.

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4. Ohio Edison denies for lack of knowledge whether the rental premises in question was occupied during the time period in question.

5. Ohio Edison denies for lack of knowledge whether Complainant ever had the house checked by his maintenance man to determine whether a "short" existed, or the operational status of the appliances and wiring in the house.

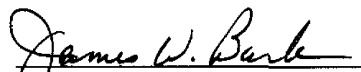
6. Ohio Edison generally denies all allegations set forth in the Complaint which were not otherwise specifically addressed hereinabove.

For its affirmative defenses, the Company further avers that:

7. The Company breached no legal duty owed to Complainant, and Complainant failed to state reasonable grounds upon which its requested relief may be granted.

8. The Company has at all times acted in accordance with its Tariff, PUCO No. 11, on file with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, as well as all rules and regulations as promulgated by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the laws existing in the State of Ohio, and accepted standards and practices in the electric utility industry, and the Company denies that its rates, charges, practices, or services are unjust or unreasonable, or that Complainant was charged in any manner inconsistent with approved tariffs.

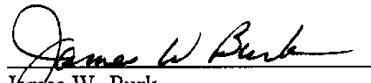
Respectfully submitted,


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Answer of Ohio Edison Company was served by regular U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, upon Mr. Donald D. Hatfield, 235 Rosewood Ave., Springfield, Ohio 45506 this 6th day of May, 2002.


James W. Burk