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PUCO RESPONSE MEMORANDUM

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From: Angela Hawkins
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Re: PUCO Response – Forecasting Rules (Ohio Adm.Code Chapters 4901:5-1; 4901:5-3; 4901:5-5; 4901:5-7)

In Case No. 15-53-GA-ORD, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) is reviewing its rules in Ohio Adm.Code Chapters 4901:5-1; 4901:5-3; 4901:5-5; 4901:5-7. These rules, which are required by R.C. 4905.01 and 4935.34, concern the filing of forecasting reports for electric utilities, transmission owners, and natural gas distribution companies regulated by the Commission. Prior to issuing the proposed rules, the PUCO held a workshop on March 5, 2016, to enable interested stakeholders to offer proposals for Staff's consideration. Several stakeholders attended the workshop, with two stakeholders offering comments.

Following a formal comment period, during which two parties filed comments and two parties filed reply comments, the PUCO issued a Finding and Order on May 11, 2016, adopting the proposed rules. On December 29, 2016, CSI replied to the PUCO, stating that CSI had no recommendations, and concluding that the PUCO should proceed with formal filing of the rules package with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR). In light of CSI's conclusion, the PUCO will proceed and file these rules with JCARR.

cc: Sarah Parrot, Chief, Gas Section, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio