

PUCO RESPONSE MEMORANDUM

To: Mark Hamlin
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Ohio Lieutenant Governor's Office

From: Angela Hawkins
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Legal Department

Date: June 9, 2017

Re: PUCO Response – Electric Utility Emergency Plans and Coordination Rules
(Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-10-08)

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) adopts proposed amendments to one of its electric companies' rules, Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-10-08, to update the electric utilities' emergency plans to give priority to hospitals in the event of an interruption of electric service during a period of emergency or disaster.

On February 10, 2016 the PUCO issued an Entry along with an accompanying Business Impact Analysis directing all interested persons to file comments by March 10, 2016 and reply comments by March 25, 2016. The PUCO issued a final Finding and Order on November 9, 2016, adopting the proposed amended rule.

On April 21, 2017, CSI replied to the PUCO, finding that the proposed amended rule and BIA, the stakeholder comments filed in the formal comment period, and the Finding and Order met its statutory obligations and determined that the rule package justified the adverse impacts identified in the BIA.

The CSI office has concluded that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio should proceed with the formal filing of this amended rule with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review.

cc: Asim Z. Haque, Chairman, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
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