

PUCO RESPONSE MEMORANDUM

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From: Angela Hawkins
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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Date: July 16, 2021

Re: PUCO Response –Electric Companies (Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-10)

In Case No. 17-1842-EL-ORD, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) is reviewing its rules in Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-10. These rules concern minimum electric service standards for investor-owned electric utilities and transmission owners. Prior to issuing the proposed rules, the PUCO held a workshop on October 3, 2017, to enable interested stakeholders to offer proposals for the PUCO's consideration. Representatives from interested stakeholders offered comments during the workshop regarding this chapter.

Following a formal comment period, during which comments were filed by nine stakeholders and reply comments were filed by twelve stakeholders, the PUCO issued a Finding and Order on February 26, 2020, adopting the proposed rules as set forth in the order. Five applications for rehearing were filed on March 27, 2020, which were addressed in the PUCO's Entry on Rehearing issued on January 27, 2021. A final application for rehearing filed on February 26, 2021 was denied by operation of law. On July 13, 2021, the Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Office replied to the PUCO, stating that CSI had no recommendations, and concluding that the PUCO should proceed with formal filing of the rules package



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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: Sean McCullough, Director, Common Sense Initiative Office
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