

PUCO RESPONSE MEMORANDUM

To: Joseph Baker
Director
Ohio Lieutenant Governor's Common Sense Initiative Office

From: Jeffrey Jones
Legal Director
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Date: December 30, 2022

Re: PUCO Response –Ohio Coal Research and Development Rate Rules
(Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-12)

In Case No. 22-808-GA-ORD, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) reviewed Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-12 in order to comply with R.C. 121.951(A)(1), which requires state agencies to reduce their total number of regulatory restrictions. The rules in Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-12 set forth definitions, purpose, scope, applicability, reporting requirements, rate calculation standards, customer billing requirements, audits and hearing policies, and tariff filing requirements relating to the Ohio coal research and development rates of gas and natural gas companies.

By Entry issued October 5, 2022, the PUCO established a formal comment period to receive stakeholder feedback regarding the PUCO's proposed amendments to the rules; however, no comments were received. Thereafter, the PUCO issued a Finding and Order on November 30, 2022, adopting the proposed changes to the rules as set forth in the order. On December 29, 2022, 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 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: Greg Price, Deputy Legal Director, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio