

PUCO RESPONSE MEMORANDUM

To: Michael Bender
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Ohio Lieutenant Governor's Common Sense Initiative Office

From: Jeffrey Jones
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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Date: February 7, 2023

Re: PUCO Response –Electrical Service and Safety Standards (Ohio
Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-10)

In Case No. 22-872-EL-ORD, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) reviewed Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-10 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 4901:1-10 establish electrical service and safety standards, which promote safe and reliable service to consumers and the public and provide minimum standards for uniform and reasonable practices of investor-owned electric utilities and transmission owners.

By Entry issued November 2, 2022, the PUCO established a formal comment period to receive stakeholder feedback regarding the PUCO's proposed rules. Initial comments were received by Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., Ohio Power Company, and reply comments were received by the Retail Energy Supply Association, Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., Interstate Gas Supply, Inc., The Dayton Power and Light Company d/b/a AES Ohio, and, collectively by, Direct Energy Services, LLC, Direct Energy Business LLC, Reliance Energy Northeast LLC, XOOM Energy Ohio, LLC, and Stream Ohio & Electric, LLC. Thereafter, the PUCO issued a Finding and Order on January 11, 2023, adopting the proposed changes to the rules as set forth in the order. On February 6, 2023, 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



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(JCARR). In light of CSI's conclusion, the PUCO will proceed and file these rules with JCARR.

cc: Joseph Baker, Director, Common Sense Initiative Office
Greg Price, Deputy Legal Director, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio