

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Commission's Prom-)
ulgation of Rules for Long-Term Forecast)
Reports Pursuant to Chapter 4935.04, Re-) Case No. 99-1614-EL-ORD
vised Code.)

ENTRY ON REHEARING

The Commission finds:

- (1) On December 21, 1999, the Commission formally initiated this proceeding in order to amend the long-term forecast rules in accordance with recently enacted revisions of Chapter 4935.04, Revised Code.
- (2) On April 6, 2000, the Commission issued a decision in this matter and adopted amended rules that streamlined the length and burden of reporting while retaining the core data needed to review and analyze the long-term forecasts of distribution and transmission companies.
- (3) Section 4903.10, Revised Code, states that any party to a Commission proceeding may apply for rehearing with respect to any matters determined in that proceeding, but such an application must be filed within 30 days after the entry of the order in the Commission's journal.
- (4) On May 1, 2000, Cincinnati Gas and Electric Company (CG&E) filed an application for rehearing to that order. On May 8, 2000, Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company (collectively referred to as "AEP") jointly filed an application for rehearing. FirstEnergy Corp. (FirstEnergy) also filed for rehearing on that date. On May 18, 2000, the Office of Consumer' Counsel (OCC) filed a memorandum contra the applications for rehearing. Dayton Power and Light (DP&L) filed a memorandum in response to the applications for rehearing in which it concurred with and adopted by reference the arguments raised by FirstEnergy and AEP in their applications.
- (5) FirstEnergy has alleged that the Commission erroneously reinserted Rule 4901:5-5-02(C)(3), energy-price relationships, in its adoption of the long-term forecast rules; that it should

remain deleted as in the proposed rules issued on December 21, 1999. We disagree, as the rule was added specifically to collect the information required by Section 4935.04(F)(3) Revised Code. FirstEnergy's request for rehearing on this matter should be denied.

- (6) FirstEnergy and CG&E both argued that the data collection and forms required by Rule 4901:5-5-03 concerning energy forecasts should be deleted, or in the alternative, clarified. The companies argue that the requirements are burdensome and will not provide meaningful data. In general, we believe the transmission energy delivery forecast reporting requirements have been greatly streamlined, and that the data collection is in accordance with the statutory directives. However, we do agree that certain forecasted data in Form FE3-T1, concerning projected data for years one through ten, may be eliminated due to the difficulty to forecast and inherent inaccuracies. Further, since transmission owners do not provide energy to end users for consumption, the last sentence under Rule 4901:5-3-03(B) should be deleted. For these reasons, FirstEnergy's and CG&E's requests for rehearing in regard to Rule 4901:5-5-03 should be granted in part and denied in part.
- (7) FirstEnergy also requested clarification of Rule 4901:5-5-01(H), concerning whether predicted means the same as estimated, for a year where actual data is not available. We believe it is already clear, since the definition for peak demand is unchanged from prior long-term forecast reports. It continues to have the same meaning as estimated. This request for rehearing should be denied.
- (8) FirstEnergy, CG&E and AEP requested modifications to Rule 4901:5-5-04, the forecasting requirements for electric distribution utilities (EDU). FirstEnergy argued that it should be able to file data solely on an integrated system and that separate forecasts for each EDU would be burdensome. OCC filed a response in support of the rule as adopted. We believe that the operating characteristics of the EDUs, even in an integrated system, are a necessary component of the forecast analysis. FirstEnergy also alleges that it will not know the character or firmness of the energy supply arrangements between customers and certified suppliers; therefore, the forms should be modified to eliminate the distinction between native and internal load. We find that FirstEnergy's

point is well made and that the rule should be revised to eliminate the references to native and internal. The forms should be modified to simply collect the load demand forecast. FirstEnergy's request for rehearing should be granted in part and denied in part.

AEP alleged that Rule 4901:5-5-04(C) is burdensome and should be modified to limit its scope. AEP offers that the diagram of base caseload flows be limited to those circuits that represent a loading concern. OCC responded that this modification would allow the EDU too much discretion in determining which circuits present loading problems. We do believe the requirement is unnecessarily burdensome and should be modified to eliminate the load flow data, while retaining the system performance. The system performance reporting will be based on objective criteria for thermal overloading and voltage variations of distribution circuits, therefore alleviating OCC's concern of the company being given too much discretion. AEP's request for rehearing should be granted in part and denied in part, CG&E argues that the diagrams required by the rule should be limited to circuits 125kV and above. We disagree as the rule has been sufficiently streamlined and a definition using 125kV and above does not reflect distribution voltage. CG&E's request for rehearing should be denied.

FirstEnergy also requested the modification of the transcription diagram in Rule 4901:5-5-04(C)(1), the distribution contingency cases in Rule 4901:5-5-04(C)(2), and the switching diagram in Rule 4901:5-5-04(C)(6). We find that the requested revisions to the diagrams should be granted to the extent that Rules 4901:5-5-04(C)(1), (2), and (6) should be modified to requiring switching diagrams for only those circuits less than 125kV that are not radial. FirstEnergy's request for rehearing should be granted in part and denied in part.

ORDER:

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That FirstEnergy's, CG&E's, and AEP's applications for rehearing are granted in part and denied in part as set forth in this Entry. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry on Rehearing be served upon all parties and interested persons of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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