



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4905.331

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(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Electric distribution utility" has the same meaning as in section 4928.01 of the Revised Code.

(2) "Electric service" means any service involved in supplying or arranging for the supply of electricity to ultimate consumers in this state. "Electric service" includes "retail electric service" as defined in section 4928.01 of the Revised Code.

(3) "Proceeding" includes a proceeding relating to electric service under Chapters 4909. and 4928. of the Revised Code.

(B) No electric distribution utility or its affiliate may do either of the following to induce any party to a public utilities commission proceeding to enter into a settlement of a matter pending before the commission:

(1) Make a cash payment to that party;

(2) Enter into any agreement or any financial or private arrangement with that party that is not made part of the public case record.

(C) Notwithstanding division (B) of this section, the commission may do any of the following:

(1) Reasonably allocate costs among rate schedules;

(2) Reasonably design rates within a rate schedule;

(3) Approve reasonable rates designed for particular customers or classes of customers;



- (4) Approve a resolution of a proceeding under section 4905.26 of the Revised Code;
 - (5) Approve payments to any governmental entity, nonprofit organization, or other association for implementing low-income weatherization service programs, subject to the following conditions:
 - (a) The payments are at a rate that is reasonably tailored to the costs of providing the programs.
 - (b) The payments are for programs that are subject to an existing or new audit procedure.
 - (c) The payments are not for low-income weatherization education programs.
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