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Ohio Revised Code

Section 4928.37 Receiving transition revenues. Effective: October 5, 1999

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(A)(1) Sections 4928.31 to 4928.40 of the Revised Code provide an electric utility the opportunity to receive transition revenues that may assist it in making the transition to a fully competitive retail electric generation market. An electric Utility for which transition revenues are approved pursuant to sections 4928.31 to 4928.40 of the Revised Code shall receive those revenues through both of the following mechanisms beginning on the starting date of competitive retail electric service and ending on the expiration date of its market development period as determined under section 4928.40 of the Revised Code:

(a) Payment of unbundled rates for retail electric services by each customer that is supplied retail electric generation service during the market development period by the customer's electric distribution utility, which rates shall be specified in schedules filed under section 4928.35 of the Revised Code;

(b) Payment of a nonbypassable and competitively neutral transition charge by each customer that is supplied retail electric generation service during the market development period by an entity other than the customer's electric distribution utility, as such transition charge is determined under section 4928.40 of the Revised Code. The transition charge shall be payable by each such retail electric distribution service customer in the certified territory of the electric utility for which the transition revenues are approved and shall be billed on each kilowatt hour of electricity delivered to the customer by the electric distribution utility as registered on the customer's meter during the utility's market development period as kilowatt hour is defined in section 4909.161 of the Revised Code or, if no meter is used, as based on an estimate of kilowatt hours used or consumed by the customer. The transition charge for each customer class shall reflect the cost allocation to that class as provided under bundled rates and charges in effect on the day before the effective date of this section. Additionally, as reflected in section 4928.40 of the Revised Code, the transition charge shall be structured to provide shopping incentives to customers sufficient to encourage the development of effective competition in the supply of retail electric generation service. To the extent possible, the level and structure of the transition charge shall be designed to avoid revenue responsibility shifts



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among the utility's customer classes and rate schedules.

(2)(a) Notwithstanding division (A)(1)(b) of this section, the transition charge shall not be payable on electricity supplied by a municipal electric utility to a retail electric distribution service customer in the certified territory of the electric utility for which the transition revenues are approved, if the municipal electric utility provides electric transmission or distribution service, or both services, through transmission or distribution facilities singly or jointly owned or operated by the municipal electric utility, and if the municipal electric utility was in existence, operating, and providing service as of January 1, 1999.

(b) The transition charge shall not be payable on electricity supplied or consumed in this state except such electricity as is delivered to a retail customer by an electric distribution utility and is registered on the customer's meter during the utility's market development period or, if no meter is used, is based on an estimate of kilowatt hours used or consumed by the customer. However, no transition charge shall be payable on electricity that is both produced and consumed in this state by a self-generator.

(3) The transition charge shall not be discounted by any party.

(4) Nothing prevents payment of all or part of the transition charge by another party on a customer's behalf if that payment does not contravene sections 4905.33 to 4905.35 of the Revised Code or this chapter.

(B) The electric utility shall separately itemize and disclose, or cause its billing and collection agent to separately itemize and disclose, the transition charge on the customer's bill in accordance with reasonable specifications the commission shall prescribe by rule under division (A) of section 4928.06 of the Revised Code.