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In re Complaint of Allied Erecting & Dismantling Company, Inc. v. Ohio Edison Company

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After electric company discovered it had failed to read one of the six electric meters at corporation's facility for three years, and sent corporation a bill for the three year period, corporation filed a complaint.

The Public Utilities Commission ordered corporation to pay the back bill. Corporation appealed.

The Supreme Court held that:

- Public Utilities Commission's alleged failure to enforce tariff or statute did not render the Commission's order adopting electric company's back bill, which was not based on initial load reading after unbilled period, unreasonable, and
- Tariff provision did not preclude electric company from using estimates to create a back bill.

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