

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of)
Columbus Southern Power Company and)
Ohio Power Company to Update Each) Case No. 08-1202-EL-UNC
Company's Transmission Cost Recovery)
Rider.)

ENTRY

The Attorney Examiner finds:

- (1) The Commission approved Columbus Southern Power Company's (CSP) and Ohio Power Company's (OP) (jointly AEP-Ohio, companies) application to adjust their respective transmission charges as a part of the companies' rate stabilization plan. See, *In the Matter of the Application of Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company for Approval of a Post-Market Development Period Rate Stabilization Plan*, Case No. 04-169-EL-UNC (Order issued January 26, 2005) (RSP case). Pursuant to the approved RSP, AEP-Ohio may file an application to adjust state transmission charges to reflect rates and charges approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). As authorized in the RSP case, the application shall be automatically approved 61 days after it is filed, unless the Commission rejects, modifies, or suspends the filing. Subsequently, the Commission approved the implementation of the Transmission Cost Recovery Rider (TCRR). See, *In the Matter of the Application of Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company to Adjust the Transmission Component of the Companies' Standard Service Tariffs to Reflect the Applicable FERC-Approved Charges or Rates Related to Open Access Transmission, Net Congestion and Ancillary Services*, Case No. 05-1194-EL-UNC (05-1194). The TCRR, as approved by the Commission in 05-1194, includes an annual true-up process and authorization for the companies to implement over- and under-recovery accounting for any differences between the revenues collected and the actual costs recorded by the companies.
- (2) On October 31, 2008, AEP-Ohio filed the current application for approval to adjust its TCRR. As a part of the TCRR application, AEP-Ohio proposes to increase OP's TCRR by an average of

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approximately seven percent and decrease CSP's TCRR by an average of approximately three percent, including under-recoveries for each company for the prior year and carrying charges on the underrecovery. Further, AEP-Ohio requests that the new TCRR rider order be issued in time to allow the rider to become effective on December 30, 2008, the first day of the January 2009 billing cycle.

- (3) Pursuant to entry issued November 30, 2007, in *In the Matter of the Application of Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company to Adjust Each Company's Transmission Cost Recovery Rider*, Case No 07-1156-EL-UNC (07-1156), the process was revised in anticipation of future TCRR filings by AEP-Ohio. In accordance with that entry, motions to intervene were due by November 14, 2008; comments and the Staff's review were due by December 1, 2008.
- (4) On November 13, 2008, the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) filed a motion to intervene in this case on behalf of residential customers. OCC contends that residential customers have an interest in this proceeding which may be adversely affected if this application is approved. Further, OCC argues that granting its request for intervention will not unduly delay or prolong the processing of this case and that OCC will significantly contribute to the full development and equitable resolution of the issues raised. The Attorney Examiner finds that OCC's request to intervene is reasonable and should be granted.
- (5) On December 4, 2008, the Staff filed a request for an extension of time, until December 8, 2008, to file its review of AEP-Ohio's TCRR application. Staff states that due to the volume of cases requiring the Staff's attention, Staff was unable to timely file its review of the application.
- (6) The Attorney Examiner finds Staff's request for an extension of time to file its review to be reasonable. The Attorney Examiner also notes that OCC did not file any comments or a letter stating that it would not be filing any comments to the application. Accordingly, the Attorney Examiner finds that OCC shall also have until December 8, 2008, to file any comments or a statement regarding AEP-Ohio's TCRR application.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That OCC's motion to intervene is granted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That Staff's motion for an extension of time to file its review is granted until December 8, 2008 and OCC shall be afforded until December 8, 2008 to file comments or a statement that it does not intend to file any comments to the application. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon each party of record and all other interested persons of record in this matter.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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