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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIDM MAY -4 PM 2: 28

In the Matter of the Application of)	PUCU
Columbus Southern Power Company)	Case No. 10-517-EL-WVR
and Ohio Power Company for a Limited)	
Waiver Pursuant to Section 4901:1-35-02 (B))	

COLUMBUS SOUTHERN POWER COMPANY'S AND OHIO POWER COMPANY'S REPLY TO RESPONSE OF OHIO CONSUMERS' COUNSEL, OHIO ENERGY GROUP, OHIO MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION, AND OHIO HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

On April 16, 2010, Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company (AEP Ohio) filed a request for a limited waiver pursuant to §4901:1-35-02 (B), Ohio Admin. Code. This request is on the Commission's public agenda for its meeting tomorrow afternoon. Late yesterday Ohio Consumers' Counsel, Ohio Energy Group, Ohio Manufacturer's Association and Ohio Hospital Association (OCC, et. al) filed a response to AEP Ohio's request.

The response points out the Commission's responsibility under §4928.143 (F), Ohio Rev. Code, to apply the SEET. Of course, AEP Ohio's request does not interfere with that responsibility. Instead, it demonstrates the need for a filing extension so that the Commission can meet that responsibility in a procedurally responsible manner.

The crux of the SEET analysis is the comparison of the electric utility's return on equity to the returns of comparable, publicly traded companies. The testimony that is required by the Commission's rules is testimony, not addressing the utility's return in a vacuum, but testimony that analyzes the utility's return on equity in the context of the return on equity earned by the comparable companies.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of Columbus Southern Power Company's and Ohio Power Company's Reply to Response of OCC et. al was served by U.S. Mail upon the individuals listed below this _______ of May, 2010.

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AEP Ohio has explained that the testimony required by the rule cannot be prepared at this time. OCC et. al do not dispute that fact. AEP Ohio requests that the Commission grant its application.

Respectfully submitted,

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