

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Long-Term Forecast)
Report of Ohio Power Company and) Case No. 10-501-EL-FOR
Related Matters.)

In the Matter of the Long-Term Forecast)
Report of Columbus Southern Power) Case No. 10-502-EL-FOR
Company and Related Matters.)

ENTRY

The Attorney Examiner finds:

- (1) On April 15, 2010, pursuant to the requirements of Rule 4901:5-1-03, Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), Ohio Power Company and Columbus Southern Power Company (jointly AEP-Ohio) filed their 2010 long-term forecast report (LTFR). The LTFR contains information on AEP-Ohio's energy demand, its peak loads and reserves, as well as a resource plan the utility can implement to meet anticipated demand.
- (2) On May 28, 2010, the Office of Ohio Consumer's Counsel (OCC) filed a motion to intervene on behalf of residential consumers. OCC requests intervention pursuant to Chapter 4911, Revised Code, Sections 4903.221 and 4935.04(E)(1), Revised Code, on behalf of AEP-Ohio's residential consumers. OCC argues that the Commission has previously recognized that Rule 4901-1-11(A)(1), O.A.C., allows any person to be permitted to intervene in a proceeding where a statute of the state confers a right to intervene in such matters. OCC states that Section 4935.04(E)(1), Revised Code, confers on OCC the requisite right to intervene in these forecast proceedings.
- (3) AEP-Ohio did not file a memorandum contra OCC's motion for intervention.
- (4) OCC has presented sufficient reason to be granted intervention in these proceedings and, accordingly, OCC's request for intervention in these forecast proceedings should be granted.
- (5) On December 20, 2010, AEP-Ohio filed a supplement to its LTFR to offer supporting information concerning the

Companies' intent to enter a capital leasing arrangement for a total of 49.9 megawatts (MW) of solar energy resources to facilitate compliance with the Companies' solar energy benchmarks under Section 4928.64, Revised Code.

- (6) On January 12, 2011, Commission Staff (Staff) filed a motion for a hearing in these cases. In its motion, Staff states that AEP-Ohio's supplement to its LTFR reveals the planned addition of generating plant. Staff asserts that the additional generating plant constitutes a substantial change and, therefore, good cause exist for a hearing about that LTFR pursuant to Section 4935.04(D)(3)(c)(ii), Revised Code. Staff requests that a hearing be scheduled within 90 days of the filing of the supplement to the LTFR and that the hearing be called and continued to permit Staff to complete its investigation and to allow for settlement discussions.
- (7) Section 4935.04(D)(3), Revised Code, requires that the Commission hold a hearing on the company's latest LTFR filed if the report contains a substantial change, as defined by statute, from the preceding report or upon the demonstration of good cause to the Commission.
- (8) In accordance with Section 4935.04(D)(3)(c)(ii), Revised Code, the Commission shall hold a hearing on the LTFR if there has been a demonstration of good cause. Staff notes that AEP-Ohio's supplement to its LTFR indicates the addition of generating plant. The Attorney Examiner finds that the addition of over 49 MW of solar energy resources to be a significant addition in generating facilities sufficient to justify review of the Companies' current LTFR. Accordingly, the Staff's motion for a hearing on AEP-Ohio's LTFR is reasonable and should be granted.
- (9) The Commission will schedule a public hearing in this matter to begin at 10:00 a.m., on March 9, 2011, at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th floor, Hearing Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio.
- (10) AEP-Ohio should cause the following notice to be published once, not less than 15 days nor more than 30 days prior to March 9, 2011, in at least one newspaper of general circulation in each county of the Companies' service area:

LEGAL NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled a public hearing in Case Nos. 10-501-EL-FOR and 10-502-EL-FOR to review the 2010 long-term forecast report filed by Ohio Power Company and Columbus Southern Power Company. The long-term forecast report contains information regarding each company's projections of anticipated supply, supply prices, and sources of supply over the forecast period. The public hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m., on March 9, 2011, at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th floor, Hearing Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

Persons wishing to review copies of Ohio Power Company's and Columbus Southern Power Company's long-term forecast report may do so by contacting the company at:

[Name of the operating company, address and telephone number to be inserted]

The Commission will give any interested member of the public the opportunity to be heard at the public hearing. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793, by viewing the Commission's web page at <http://www.puc.state.oh.us> or by contacting the Commission's Hotline at 1-800-686-7826. The hearing impaired can reach the Commission via TTY-TDD at 1-800-686-1570 or in Columbus at 466-8180.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That OCC's motion for intervention is granted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That Staff's motion for a hearing on AEP-Ohio's 2010 LTFR is granted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the Commission conduct a public hearing in this case beginning on March 9, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. It is, further,

ORDERED, That AEP-Ohio cause notice of the public hearing to be published as set forth in finding (10). It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon AEP-Ohio and its counsel and all other interested persons of record in these matters.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO



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