

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of )  
Columbus Southern Power Company )  
and Ohio Power Company to Update ) Case No. 11-1361-EL-RDR  
Their Enhanced Service Reliability )  
Rider. )

ENTRY

The Attorney Examiner finds:

- (1) On March 18, 2009, the Commission issued its opinion and order in Columbus Southern Power Company's (CSP) and Ohio Power Company's (OP) (jointly, AEP-Ohio or the Companies) electric security plan (ESP) cases (ESP Order).<sup>1</sup> By entries on rehearing issued July 23, 2009 (First ESP EOR) and November 4, 2009 (Second ESP EOR), the Commission affirmed and clarified certain issues raised in AEP-Ohio's ESP Order. As ultimately adopted by the Commission, AEP-Ohio's ESP directed CSP to recover the cost of the enhanced vegetation initiative via the enhanced service reliability plan (ESRP) rider.<sup>2</sup> AEP-Ohio's ESRP rider rates were updated and adjusted in Case No. 10-163-EL-RDR effective with the first billing cycle of September 2010 to a rate of 3.30537 percent of distribution charges for CSP and a rate of 5.59907 percent of distribution charges for OP.
- (2) On March 18, 2011, AEP-Ohio filed this application to update its ESRP riders. AEP-Ohio states that in the ESP cases the Commission approved its incremental spending plan for \$31.5 million in 2009, \$34.8 million in 2010, and \$38.1 million in 2011, subject to annual reconciliation based on the Companies' prudently incurred costs. Pursuant to the First ESP EOR,<sup>3</sup> AEP-Ohio states that it has worked with Staff to develop its enhanced vegetation management initiative plan and to establish a baseline to determine its incremental costs to be included in the ESRP rider. In this application, AEP-Ohio proposes that CSP's ESRP rider be updated

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<sup>1</sup> In re AEP-Ohio ESP cases, Case Nos. 08-917-EL-SSO and 08-918-EL-SSO, Opinion and Order (March 18, 2009).

<sup>2</sup> ESP Order at 30-34; First ESP EOR at 15-18.

<sup>3</sup> First ESP EOR at 15-18.

to 3.94187 percent and OP's ESRP rider be updated to 6.72393 percent of the distribution charges. In support of the proposed ESRP rider rates, the Companies filed a schedule for CSP and OP, which sets forth 2010 actual vegetation spending, carrying costs, and incremental investments for its vegetation plan. The Companies are requesting recovery of ESRP costs incurred for 2010 and projected 2011 incremental costs. AEP-OH requests that the new rider rates commence with the first billing cycle in July 2011.

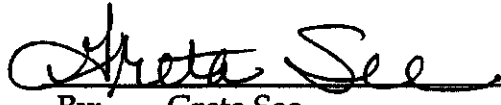
- (3) In an effort to implement the ESRP rider rates by the first billing cycle of July 2011, the Attorney Examiner finds that it is necessary to shorten the discovery response time to ten calendar days and to direct that service of discovery requests and responses be served by e-mail. Any interested person, including Staff, that wishes to file comments/objections to AEP-Ohio's ESRP rider application must do so by April 22, 2011. Reply comments are due by April 29, 2011.
- (4) After comments and reply comments are received and the issues raised therein considered, a decision will be made whether a hearing is warranted. The Attorney Examiner notes that should it be determined that a hearing is necessary, this matter will proceed on an expedited basis and requests for a continuance, extension, or additional time may not be viewed favorably.


It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That comments be filed with the Commission by April 22, 2011, and reply comments be filed by April 29, 2011. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon all persons of record in this case.

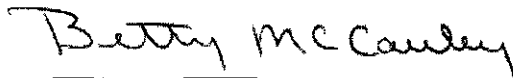
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