## BEFORE

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of ) Columbus Southern Power Company and Case No. 11-1337-EL-RDR Ohio Power Company to Establish ) Environmental Investment Carrying Cost ) Rider. In the Matter of the Application of Columbus Southern Power Company to Case No. 11-1353-EL-RDR ) Update its gridSMART Rider. In the Matter of the Application of Columbus Southern Power Company and ) Case No. 11-1361-EL-RDR Ohio Power Company to Update Their )

## <u>ENTRY</u>

The Attorney Examiner finds:

Enhanced Service Reliability Rider.

- (1) On March 18, 2011, Columbus Southern Power Company (CSP) and Ohio Power Company (OP) (jointly, AEP-Ohio or the Companies) filed applications to update and adjust their environmental investment carrying cost rider rates, CSP's gridSMART rider rate, and their enhanced service reliability plan rider rates.
- (2) In an effort to implement the new rates by the first billing cycle of July 2011, entries were issued March 31, 2011 and April 1, 2011 shortening the discovery response time and directing that comments be filed by April 22, 2011 and reply comments be filed by April 29, 2011.
- (3) On April 8, 2011, in each case, the Staff filed a request for an extension of time to file comments, until May 20, 2011. Staff contends that the extension is necessary due to the complexities of each of the aforementioned cases and the Staff's heavy workload. Staff notes that none of the parties to any of the cases opposes the request for an extension.

(4) In light of the complexities of the case and Staff's workload, the request for an extension of time to file comments is reasonable and should be granted. Further, reply comments should be filed by May 31, 2011.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That comments be filed with the Commission by May 20, 2011, and reply comments be filed by May 31, 2011. It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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