

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Following Applications	)	
of Columbus Southern Power Company for	)	
Integration of Mercantile Customer Energy	)	
Efficiency or Peak-Demand Reduction	)	
Programs:	)	
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Columbus Metropolitan Library	)	Case No. 10-1701-EL-EEC
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Columbus Metropolitan Library	)	Case No. 10-1702-EL-EEC
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Columbus Metropolitan Library	)	Case No. 10-1703-EL-EEC
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Columbus Metropolitan Library	)	Case No. 10-1704-EL-EEC
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Columbus Metropolitan Library	)	Case No. 10-1705-EL-EEC
	)	
Hertz Columbus One, LLC	)	Case No. 10-1706-EL-EEC
	)	
Columbus Battelle	)	Case No. 10-1707-EL-EEC

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) Section 4928.66, Revised Code, imposes certain annual energy efficiency and peak demand reduction requirements upon Ohio's electric distribution utilities, beginning in calendar year 2009; but the statute also enables mercantile customers to commit their peak demand reduction, demand response, and energy efficiency programs for integration with an electric utility's programs in order to meet the statutory requirements.
- (2) Section 4928.01(A)(19), Revised Code, defines a mercantile customer as a commercial or industrial customer that consumes more than 700,000 kilowatt hours of electricity per year or that is part of a national account involving multiple facilities in one or more states.
- (3) Columbus Southern Power Company (CSP) is a public utility as defined in Section 4905.02, Revised Code, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission. CSP recovers its costs of

complying with the energy efficiency and demand reduction requirements imposed by Section 4928.66, Revised Code, from its customers through its Rider EE/PDR.

- (4) Rule 4901:1-39-05(G), Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), provides for the filing of an application by a mercantile customer, either individually or jointly with an electric utility, to commit the customer's demand reduction, demand response, and energy efficiency programs for integration with an electric utility's programs in order to meet the utility's statutory requirements.
- (5) Each of the captioned energy efficiency credit (EEC) applications were filed on March 11, 2010, by CSP and the captioned mercantile customer, pursuant to Rule 4901:1-39-05(G), O.A.C., to commit the customer's programs which were implemented in 2006, for integration with CSP's programs to meet the utility's energy efficiency and peak demand reduction benchmarks. In each case, a staff report was filed on June 21, 2011, recommending approval of the application and either an incentive payment or an optional exemption for a number of months from the EE/PDR rider, as follows:

<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Customer</u>	<u>Incentive Payment</u>	<u>Optional Exemption</u>
10-1701	Columbus Metropolitan Library	\$651.98	65 months
10-1702	Columbus Metropolitan Library	\$357.00	20 months
10-1703	Columbus Metropolitan Library	\$483.00	60 months
10-1704	Columbus Metropolitan Library	\$1,102.50	65 months
10-1705	Columbus Metropolitan Library	\$399.00	51 months
10-1706	Hertz Columbus One, LLC	\$11,436.75	32 months
10-1707	Columbus Battelle	\$16,615.50	1 month

- (6) In each case, the Commission's staff has reviewed the application, the AEP-Ohio Self-Direct Program application, and additional supporting documentation, including engineering studies and

estimates, and receipts. Staff has verified that the customer meets the definition of a mercantile customer, and has provided documentation that the methodology used to calculate energy savings conforms to the general principals of the International Performance Measurement Verification Protocol used by CSP. The customer has attested to the validity of the information, and its intention to participate in CSP's program. The project either provides for early retirement of fully functioning equipment, or achieves reductions in energy use and peak demand that exceed the reductions that would have occurred had the customer used standard new equipment or practices where practicable.

- (7) Upon review of the applications and supporting documentation, and Staff's recommendations, the Commission finds that the requirements related to each of these applications have been met. The Commission finds that the requests for mercantile commitment pursuant to Rule 4901:1-39-05, O.A.C., do not appear to be unjust or unreasonable. Thus, a hearing on these matters is unnecessary. Accordingly, we find that these applications should be approved. As a result of such approval, we find that CSP should adjust its baselines, pursuant to Section 4928.66(A)(2)(c), Revised Code, and Rule 4901:1-39-05, O.A.C. However, we note that although these projects are approved, they are subject to evaluation, measurement, and verification in the portfolio status report proceeding initiated by the filing of CSP's portfolio status report on March 15 of each year, as set forth in Rule 4901:1-39-05(C), O.A.C. The Commission also notes that every arrangement approved by this Commission remains under our supervision and regulation, and is subject to change, alteration, or modification by the Commission.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That each of the captioned applications be approved, and that the record of these cases be closed. It is, further,

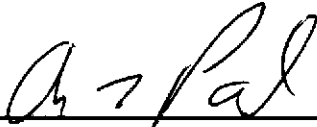
ORDERED, That a copy of this finding and order be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO



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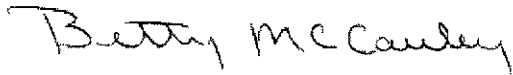


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