

BEFORE

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In the Matter of the Application of)
Columbus Southern Power Company and)
Ohio Power Company for a Certificate of) Case No. 06-30-EL-BGN
Environmental Compatibility and Public)
Need to Construct an Electric Generation)
Facility in Meigs County, Ohio.)

In the Matter of the Application of)
Columbus Southern Power Company and)
Ohio Power Company for a Certificate of)
Environmental Compatibility and Public) Case No. 06-309-EL-BTX
Need to Construct a 345-Kilovolt)
Transmission Line Loop for the Great Bend)
Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle)
Facility.)

ENTRY

The Administrative Law Judge finds:

- (1) By Opinion, Order, and Certificate (Certificate Order) issued on April 23, 2007, in Case No. 06-30-EL-BGN (06-30), the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board) approved a stipulation filed by Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company (jointly AEP-Ohio or Company)¹ and Board Staff (Staff) for a certificate to construct an integrated gasification combined-cycle (IGCC) electric generation facility (Great Bend) in Meigs County, Ohio, pursuant to Chapter 4906, Revised Code. The certificate to construct the facility was subject to 36 specific conditions, including the following condition:

That the certificate shall become invalid if AEP-Ohio has not commenced a continuous course of construction of the proposed facility within five

¹ The Board recognizes that, by entry issued on March 7, 2012, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) approved and confirmed the merger of Columbus Southern Power Company into Ohio Power Company, effective December 31, 2011, *In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company and Columbus Southern Power Company for Authority to Merge and Related Approvals*, Case No. 10-2376-EL-UNC.

years of the date of journalization of the certificate.

Therefore, pursuant to the Certificate Order, if AEP-Ohio has not commenced a continuous course of construction of the proposed Great Bend IGCC facility by April 23, 2012, the certificate to construct the electric generation facility becomes invalid under the authority and jurisdiction of the Board.

- (2) On February 14, 2006, in Case No. 06-309-EL-BTX (06-309), AEP-Ohio filed notice with the Board of a plan to file an application for a certificate to construct a 345-kilovolt transmission line to facilitate the Great Bend IGCC generation facility. To date, an application for the Great Bend transmission line has not been filed.
- (3) In a statement to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) in a related proceeding, AEP-Ohio admits that, as of June 29, 2011, the Company had not commenced a continuous course of construction on the Great Bend IGCC facility.² Nor, to the Staff's knowledge, has the Company engaged in a continuous course of construction on the Great Bend facility since June 29, 2011. Accordingly, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) directs that, unless AEP-Ohio files an application to extend its certificate to construct the Great Bend facility or demonstrates that the Company has engaged in a continuous course of construction of the Great Bend facility, by July 13, 2012, the ALJ will recommend to the Board that the certificate be found invalid and that 06-30 and 06-309 be closed.

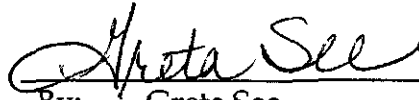
It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That, unless AEP-Ohio files an application for an extension of the certificate to construct the Great Bend generation facility or demonstrates that the Company has engaged in a continuous course of construction, by July 13, 2012, the ALJ will recommend the certificate be found invalid and the associated cases closed. It is, further,

² See, Case No. 05-376-EL-UNC, *Statement of Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company* filed June 29, 2011.

ORDERED, That copies of this entry be served upon AEP-Ohio and all other parties of record.

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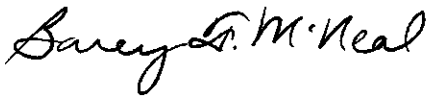


By: Greta See
Administrative Law Judge

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Secretary