## **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
Ohio Power Company to Establish a	)	
Competitive Bidding Process for	)	Case No. 12-3254-EL-UNC
Procurement of Energy to Support	)	
Its Standard Service Offer.	)	

## **ENTRY ON REHEARING**

## The Commission finds:

- (1) Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio (AEP Ohio)<sup>1</sup> is an electric utility as defined by R.C. 4928.01(A)(11) and an electric distribution utility as defined by R.C. 4928.01(A)(6).
- (2) R.C. 4928.141 provides that an electric distribution utility shall provide consumers a standard service offer (SSO) of all competitive retail electric services in accordance with R.C. 4928.142 or 4928.143.
- (3) In Case No. 11-346-EL-SSO, et al., the Commission modified and approved, pursuant to R.C. 4928.143, AEP Ohio's application for an electric security plan, including a competitive auction-based SSO format. *In re Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company*, Case No. 11-346-EL-SSO, et al., Opinion and Order (Aug. 8, 2012) at 38-40; Entry on Rehearing (Jan. 30, 2013) at 34-39. The Commission established a series of competitive energy auctions for AEP Ohio's SSO load. The Commission also directed AEP Ohio to formulate a competitive bid procurement (CBP) process consistent

On March 7, 2012, the Commission approved and confirmed the merger of Columbus Southern Power Company into Ohio Power Company. *In re Ohio Power Company and Columbus Southern Power Company*, Case No. 10-2376-EL-UNC, Entry (Mar. 7, 2012).

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- with R.C. 4928.142 by December 31, 2012, and to initiate a stakeholder process prior to filing its CBP.
- (4) On December 21, 2012, AEP Ohio filed an application in the above-captioned case to establish a CBP process for its SSO. On February 11, 2013, AEP Ohio filed a supplement to its application.
- (5) By Opinion and Order issued on November 13, 2013, the Commission approved and modified AEP Ohio's application and supplement. The Commission determined that AEP Ohio's application and supplement, as modified, established reasonable auction procedures that are consistent with the auctions conducted by other electric distribution utilities in Ohio.
- (6) R.C. 4903.10 states that any party who has entered an appearance in a Commission proceeding may apply for a rehearing with respect to any matters determined therein by filing an application within 30 days after the entry of the order upon the Commission's journal.
- (7) On November 20, 2013, the Ohio Energy Group (OEG) filed an application for rehearing of the Commission's Opinion and Order. AEP Ohio filed a memorandum in response on December 2, 2013.
- (8) On December 13, 2013, FirstEnergy Solutions Corp. (FES) and AEP Ohio filed applications for rehearing of the Commission's Opinion and Order.
- (9) The Commission believes that sufficient reason has been set forth by OEG, FES, and AEP Ohio to warrant further consideration of the matters specified in the applications for rehearing. Accordingly, the applications for rehearing filed by OEG, FES, and AEP Ohio should be granted.

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It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the applications for rehearing filed by OEG, FES, and AEP Ohio be granted for further consideration of the matters specified in the applications for rehearing. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry on Rehearing be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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