

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of)
Republic Steel for Approval of a Unique) Case No. 13-1913-EL-AEC
Arrangement for Republic Steel's Lorain,)
Ohio Facility.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) Pursuant to R.C. 4905.31 and Ohio Adm.Code Rule 4901:1-38-05(B), a mercantile customer of an electric utility may apply to the Commission for a unique arrangement with the electric utility.
- (2) On September 9, 2013, Republic Steel (Republic) filed an application for approval of a unique arrangement with Ohio Edison Company (OE) for Republic's Lorain, Ohio facility. In its application, Republic states that it seeks a unique arrangement in order to expand its production facility to meet customer demand. More specifically, Republic explains that electricity represents a significant portion of its cost of manufacturing and that increases in energy prices substantially affect its ability to price its products competitively in the international market. Republic states that its expansion plans include an electric arc furnace and corresponding infrastructure upgrades including a new substation and associated equipment. Republic continues that it currently employs 1,465 people statewide and that its planned expansion will add 449 new jobs within three years.
- (3) On November 26, 2013, the attorney examiner set this matter for hearing on January 7, 2014. Subsequently, on January 6, 2014, Republic filed a motion for an extension of the procedural schedule and a request for expedited ruling. In its motion, Republic requests that the hearing in this matter be rescheduled to February 13, 2014, in order to allow time for further settlement discussions to resolve the issues in the case. Further, Republic represents that the other parties in this proceeding support the motion for an extension.

- (4) The attorney examiner finds that a further continuance of the hearing is reasonable. Accordingly, the hearing in this matter should be rescheduled for February 13, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the motion for extension of the procedural schedule filed by Republic be granted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the hearing in this case be rescheduled as set forth in Finding (4). It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

s/Gregory Price

By: Gregory A. Price
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry grants Republic's motion for an extension of the procedural schedule and reschedules the hearing in accordance with Finding (4). - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Gregory Price, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio