

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Ohio)
Power Company to Establish New) Case No. 12-1945-EL-ESS
Reliability Standards.)

ENTRY ON REHEARING

The Commission finds:

- (1) Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP-Ohio (AEP-Ohio) is a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02 and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) On June 29, 2012, AEP-Ohio filed an application to establish new reliability standards pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-10-10.¹
- (3) On July 26, 2012, the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) filed a motion to intervene. OCC's request for intervention was granted by entry issued October 29, 2012.
- (4) On March 4, 2014, AEP-Ohio, OCC, and Staff (Signatory Parties) filed a joint stipulation and recommendation (Stipulation) resolving all of the issues raised in this proceeding and AEP-Ohio filed testimony in support of the Stipulation.
- (5) By Entry issued on March 5, 2014, this matter was set for hearing on March 11, 2014, to consider the Stipulation.
- (6) The hearing was held as scheduled. Admitted into the record of evidence at the hearing were the Stipulation (Joint Ex. 1) and the testimony of AEP-Ohio witness Gary O. Spitznogle (AEP-Ohio Ex. 1). Further, incorporated into the Stipulation, the Signatory Parties agreed to the admission of AEP-Ohio's application filed June 29, 2012 (AEP-Ohio Ex. 2), the comments filed by OCC on January 4, 2013, the comments filed by Staff on

¹ By entry issued on March 7, 2012, the Commission confirmed and approved the merger of Columbus Southern Power Company (CSP) into Ohio Power Company, effective December 31, 2011, in *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. Although, CSP and Ohio Power Company have merged, the utility's reliability standards were not revised.

January 13, 2013, and AEP-Ohio's reply comments filed on January 22, 2013.

- (7) By Opinion and Order issued March 19, 2014, the Commission determined that the Stipulation was reasonable based on established criteria. On that basis, the Stipulation was adopted in its entirety.
- (8) On April 16, 2014, AEP-Ohio filed, with the support of OCC and Staff, an application for rehearing, or in the alternative, a request for clarification. In the application for rehearing, AEP-Ohio asserts that the Stipulation contained a poorly worded provision regarding customer surveys which did not reflect the intention of the Signatory Parties. The Signatory Parties realized, after the Commission's approval of the Stipulation, that the provision did not accurately reflect Staff's recommendation which the Signatory Parties submit the Stipulation intended to incorporate. The parties submit that provision IV.F of the Stipulation should have read:

The Company agrees to ensure that the customer perception surveys, completed every three years in accordance with Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-10-10 will be conducted quarterly and meet the minimum sample size of completed responses obtained from a minimum of 100 ~~400~~ residential and 100 ~~400~~ small commercial customers each quarter totaling at least 400 for each of the customer classes.

Accordingly, AEP-Ohio requests, with the agreement of the Staff and OCC, that the Commission issue an Entry on Rehearing to correct provision IV.F of the Stipulation, consistent with the intent of the Signatory Parties.

- (9) The Commission finds AEP-Ohio's request to correct and clarify the Stipulation, consistent with the intent of the Signatory Parties, to be reasonable. Further, the Commission finds that the Stipulation, as clarified, continues to meet the criteria for evaluating a stipulation as set forth and discussed in the Opinion and Order. Accordingly, the Commission confirms its adoption of the Stipulation, as revised, for the reasons discussed in the Opinion and Order.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That provision IV.F of the Stipulation be corrected, as reflected in this Entry on Rehearing. It is, further,

ORDERED, That AEP-Ohio's application for rehearing to correct and clarify provision IV.F of the Stipulation is granted. It is, further,

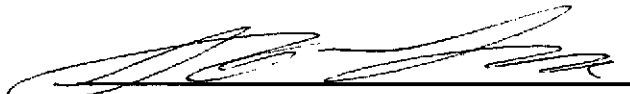
ORDERED, That AEP-Ohio take all necessary steps to carry out the terms of the Stipulation, as corrected, and this Entry on Rehearing. It is, further,

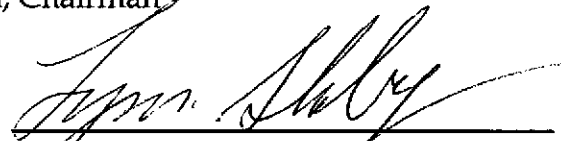
ORDERED, That nothing in this Entry on Rehearing shall be binding upon the Commission in any future proceeding or investigation involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule, or regulation. It is, further,

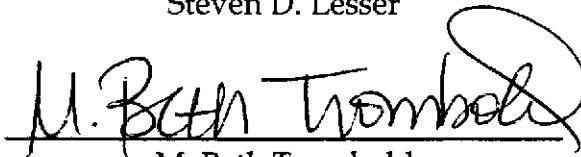
ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry on Rehearing be served upon each party of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO


Thomas W. Johnson, Chairman


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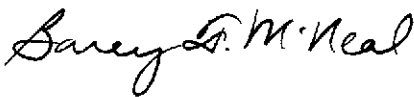

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