

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of the)
Fuel Adjustment Clauses for Columbus) Case No. 11-5906-EL-FAC
Southern Power Company and Ohio)
Power Company and Related Matters.)

In the Matter of the Fuel Adjustment)
Clauses for Columbus Southern Power) Case No. 12-3133-EL-FAC
Company and Ohio Power Company.)

In the Matter of the Fuel Adjustment) Case No. 13-572-EL-FAC
Clauses for Ohio Power Company.)

In the Matter of the Fuel Adjustment) Case No. 13-1286-EL-FAC
Clauses for Ohio Power Company.)

In the Matter of the Fuel Adjustment) Case No. 13-1892-EL-FAC
Clauses for Ohio Power Company.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) Ohio Power Company d.b.a. AEP Ohio (AEP Ohio or Company) is a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02, an electric utility as defined in R.C. 4928.01(A)(11) and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) 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 fuel adjustment clause (FAC) mechanism under which the Company is intended to recover prudently incurred fuel and fuel-related costs. *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 18. In addition, a new alternative energy rider was established to enable AEP Ohio to recover alternative energy costs, which were previously

recovered through the FAC. Annual audits are to be conducted of AEP Ohio's fuel costs, fuel management practices, and alternative energy costs.

- (3) Pursuant to the request for proposal issued April 16, 2014, and the Entry issued on May 21, 2014, the Commission selected Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP (Baker Tilly) to investigate AEP Ohio's alleged double recovery of certain capacity-related costs, and to recommend to the Commission a course of action based on the auditor's findings.
- (4) Pursuant to Entry issued August 27, 2014, the due date for the Baker Tilly audit report was extended to September 15, 2014.
- (5) On September 9, 2014, Staff filed a motion for an extension of the due date for Baker Tilly's audit report, until October 6, 2014. Staff states that like the audit, compilation of the audit results has proven to be more challenging and time consuming than anticipated. Staff explains the additional time will allow Baker Tilly to compile a thorough report and to provide the Commission with the information to review AEP Ohio's capacity-related costs. Staff submits that the requested extension will not prejudice any party. Staff states that each party on the service list has been contacted and no one objects to the requested extension.
- (6) The attorney examiner finds that Staff's motion for an extension is reasonable and should be granted. In light of Baker Tilly's due date for submission of the audit report, and because an expedited ruling on Staff's motion will not adversely affect a substantial right of any party, the attorney examiner finds that the motion should be granted on an expedited basis, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-12(F). Accordingly, Baker Tilly shall file its audit report by October 6, 2014.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Staff's motion for extension be granted in accordance with Finding (6). It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

s/Greta See

By: Greta See
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry that Staff's motion for extension be granted; electronically filed by Debra Hight on behalf of Greta See, Attorney Examiner.