BEFORE

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

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In the Matter of the Application of American Municipal Power-Ohio, Inc., for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for an Electric Power Transmission Line and Related Facilities.

Case No. 06-1357-EL-BTX

ENTRY

The Board finds:

- (1) American Municipal Power-Ohio, Inc., (AMP-Ohio) is a person and a corporation as defined in R.C. 4906.01.
- (2) On October 31, 2007, AMP-Ohio filed the above-captioned application (*Transmission Line Case*), in accordance with R.C. 4906.04, for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need to construct an electric transmission line and related facilities necessary to transmit the electricity generated by the American Municipal Power Generating Station (AMP Generating Station) in Meigs County, Ohio. The AMP Generating Station was approved on March 3, 2008, in *In re American Municipal Power-Ohio, Inc.*, Case No. 06-1358-EL-BGN (*Generating Station Case*).
- On November 24, 2008, in the Transmission Line Case, the (3) Board issued its Opinion, Order, and Certificate authorizing the construction, operation, and maintenance of the transmission line. The Board's Order in the Transmission Line Case provided that, if AMP-Ohio has not commenced a continuous course of construction of the transmission line within five years of the issuance of the Order, the certificate would the transmission line become invalid. for Transmission Line Case, Opinion, Order, and Certificate (Nov. 24, 2008) at 25.
- (4) On August 26, 2013, AMP-Ohio filed its first motion to extend the authority granted in the *Transmission Line Case* for a period of 18 months. AMP-Ohio represented that, due to an unexpected increase in capital costs related to the AMP

Generating Station, AMP-Ohio was exploring the possibility of converting the AMP Generating Station to a natural gas combined cycle facility at the site and that the Board had granted an extension of the certificate to construct the AMP Generating Station in the *Generating Station Case* on December 17, 2012. Therefore, in this case, in order to facilitate further consideration of the conversion of the AMP Generating Station to a natural gas facility, AMP-Ohio requested that the certificate authorized in the *Transmission Line Case* also be extended for 18 months. Accordingly, by Entry issued September 30, 2013, the Board granted an extension of the certificate issued in the *Transmission Line Case* for a period of 18 months, or until May 24, 2015.

- (5) On April 24, 2015, AMP-Ohio filed a second motion to extend the certificate authorized in the *Transmission Line Case* from May 24, 2015, to March 3, 2016. AMP-Ohio noted that, in the related *Generating Station Case*, the Board previously granted an extension of the AMP Generating Station certificate for an additional 18 months, until March 3, 2016. *Transmission Line Case*, Entry (Aug. 25, 2014). In this second motion for extension at issue before the Board in this Entry, AMP-Ohio requests that the transmission line certificate be extended to align with the AMP Generating Station certificate, because the transmission line was proposed solely to serve the AMP Generating Station.
- (6) By Entry issued May 22, 2015, the administrative law judge granted AMP-Ohio's April 24, 2015 motion for an extension of the certificate issued in the *Transmission Line Case*, until such time as the Board convenes to consider the motion.
- (7) Upon consideration of AMP-Ohio's April 24, 2015 motion to extend the certificate issued in the *Transmission Line Case*, the Board finds that the motion is reasonable and should be granted. Accordingly, the certificate in this case should be extended to March 3, 2016.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That AMP-Ohio's motion to extend the certificate authorized in the *Transmission Line Case* be granted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That AMP-Ohio's certificate in this case be extended until March 3, 2016, unless otherwise ordered by the Board. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon AMP-Ohio and all other interested persons of record.

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

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