

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Ohio)
Power Company to Update Its Enhanced) Case No. 15-1549-EL-RDR
Service Reliability Rider.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio (AEP Ohio or the Company) is an electric distribution utility as defined in R.C. 4928.01(A)(6) and a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02 and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) R.C. 4928.141 provides that an electric distribution utility shall provide consumers within its certified territory a standard service offer (SSO) of all competitive retail electric services necessary to maintain essential electric services to customers, including a firm supply of electric generation services. The SSO may be either a market rate offer in accordance with R.C. 4928.142 or an electric security plan (ESP) in accordance with R.C. 4928.143.
- (3) In Case No. 08-917-EL-SSO, et al., the Commission modified and approved AEP Ohio's application for an ESP, which included approval of the enhanced service reliability rider (ESRR) through which the Company recovers costs associated with its enhanced vegetation management program. The ESRR is subject to Commission review and reconciliation on an annual basis. *In re Columbus Southern Power Co. and Ohio Power Co.*, Case No. 08-917-EL-SSO, et al., Opinion and Order (Mar. 18, 2009) at 34.
- (4) In Case No. 11-346-EL-SSO, et al., the Commission modified and approved a second ESP for AEP Ohio, including the continuance of the ESRR, effective with the first billing cycle of September 2012 through May 31, 2015.¹ *In re Columbus Southern Power Co. and Ohio Power Co.*, Case No. 11-346-EL-SSO, et al., Opinion and Order (Aug. 8, 2012) at 65.

¹ The Commission has also extended the ESRR for the period of June 1, 2015, through May 31, 2018. *In re Ohio Power Co.*, Case No. 13-2385-EL-SSO, et al., Opinion and Order (Feb. 25, 2015) at 49.

- (5) On September 1, 2015, in the above-captioned proceeding, AEP Ohio filed an application to reconcile its ESRR rates for 2014.
- (6) In order to assist the Commission in its review of AEP Ohio's application, the attorney examiner finds that the following procedural schedule should be established:
 - (a) March 31, 2016 - Deadline for the filing of motions to intervene.
 - (b) April 7, 2016 - Deadline for the filing of initial comments by Staff and intervenors.
 - (c) April 21, 2016 - Deadline for the filing of reply comments by all parties.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the procedural schedule set forth in finding (6) be adopted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all interested persons and parties of record in this case and all parties of record in Case No. 11-346-EL-SSO, et al.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

s/Sarah Parrot

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry setting a procedural schedule set forth in Finding (6). - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Sarah Parrot, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio