THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF OHIO POWER COMPANY FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE SIGNIFICANTLY EXCESSIVE EARNINGS TEST PURSUANT TO R.C. 4928.143(F) AND OHIO ADM.CODE 4901:1-35-10.

CASE NO. 15-1022-EL-UNC

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CASE NO. 16-1105-EL-UNC

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on October 17, 2016

 $\{\P 1\}$ Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio (AEP Ohio) 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} On June 1, 2015, in Case No. 15-1022-EL-UNC (*2014 SEET Case*), AEP Ohio filed its application for the administration of the significantly excessive earnings test (SEET) for 2014 revenues, as required by R.C. 4928.143(F) and Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-35-10.

{¶ 3} On May 16, 2016, in Case No. 16-1105-EL-UNC (2015 SEET Case), AEP Ohio filed its application for the administration of the SEET for 2015 revenues.

{¶ 4} By Entry issued June 22, 2016, a procedural schedule was established in these matters, which, among other things, scheduled a prehearing conference for September 7, 2016, if requested by any party, and scheduled an evidentiary hearing to commence on September 13, 2016.

{¶ 5} On September 1, 2016, AEP Ohio and Staff filed a stipulation and recommendation in the 2014 SEET Case, as well as a stipulation and recommendation in the 2015 SEET Case, which would resolve all of the issues raised in each case.

{¶ 6} On September 2, 2016, Ohio Energy Group (OEG) filed a request for a prehearing conference. At the prehearing conference on September 7, 2016, OEG, Ohio Consumers' Counsel, and Ohio Manufacturers' Association Energy Group requested an extension of the procedural schedule in these matters, in order to allow for additional time for discovery. AEP Ohio and Staff agreed to the request to revise the procedural schedule.

{¶ 7} By Entry dated September 12, 2016, the attorney examiner granted the parties' request to amend the procedural schedule, and scheduled the evidentiary hearing to commence on October 7, 2016.

{¶ 8} On October 3, 2016, the parties filed a joint motion for a continuance of the evidentiary hearing, until October 19, 2016, in order to afford additional time for all of the parties to explore a settlement agreement. By Entry issued October 4, 2016, the parties' joint motion for a continuance was granted and the hearing rescheduled to commence on October 19, 2016.

{¶ 9} On October 11, 2016, the parties filed a joint motion for an indefinite continuance of the evidentiary hearing, until such time that one of the parties requests the hearing be rescheduled. According to the joint motion, the parties propose that the evidentiary hearing be indefinitely continued in order to afford additional time to explore a settlement agreement.

{¶ 10} The attorney examiner finds that the parties' joint motion for an indefinite continuance is reasonable and should be granted. However, if the parties have not filed

an agreement or agreements in these cases by January 17, 2017, the parties shall contact the attorney examiner with an update on the progress of reaching any agreement.

 $\{\P 11\}$ It is, therefore,

{**¶ 12**} ORDERED, That the parties' joint motion for an indefinite continuance of the evidentiary hearing be granted. It is, further,

{¶ 13} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

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/s/ Greta See

By: Greta See Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry ordering the parties' joint motion for an indefinite continuance of the evidentiary hearing be granted. Entry electronically filed by Debra Hight on behalf of Greta See, Attorney Examiner.