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Re: *In the Matter of the Commission Review of Capacity Charges of Ohio Power Company and Columbus Southern Power Company*, Case No. 10-2929-EL-UNC; *In the Matter of the Application of Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company for Authority to Establish a Standard Service Offer Pursuant to Section 4928.143, Revised Code, in the Form of an Electric Security Plan*, Case Nos. 11-348-EL-SSO and 11-346-EL-SSO; *In the Matter of the Application of Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company for Approval of Certain Accounting Authority*, Case Nos. 11-349-EL-AAM and 11-350-EL-AAM; *In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company to Adopt a Final Implementation Plan for the Retail Stability Rider*, Case No. 14-1186-EL-RDR

Dear Examiners:

Today, the Staff filed a motion to suspend the procedural schedule in these proceedings. Ohio Power Company (AEP Ohio) supports the underlying premise of the Staff's request of pursuing a potential settlement opportunity. But the Company submits that it is not necessary to indefinitely suspend the entire procedural schedule in order to facilitate settlement discussions. Rather, AEP Ohio would suggest that the existing deadlines be moved back two-three weeks so that a timely process remains in place for litigating these important issues in the event that settlement does not occur. If the prehearing conference is delayed a couple weeks, for example, it could be used to report the status of settlement discussions or to discuss final matters prior to hearing. Keeping a (delayed) schedule in place is a more balanced and reasonable approach than suspending the entire schedule.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

//s/ Steven T. Nourse

cc: Parties of Record

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Summary: Correspondence -Ohio Power Company's correspondence to Staff's motion electronically filed by Mr. Steven T Nourse on behalf of Ohio Power Company