

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
OHIO POWER COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY
TO ESTABLISH A STANDARD SERVICE
OFFER PURSUANT TO R.C. 4928.143, IN
THE FORM OF AN ELECTRIC SECURITY
PLAN.

CASE NO. 16-1852-EL-SSO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
OHIO POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL
OF CERTAIN ACCOUNTING AUTHORITY.

CASE NO. 16-1853-EL-AAM

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on October 25, 2016

{¶ 1} Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio (AEP Ohio or 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} On December 20, 2013, in Case No. 13-2385-EL-SSO, et al. (*ESP 3 Case*), AEP Ohio filed an application for an SSO, in the form of an ESP, to commence on June 1, 2015, and continue through May 31, 2018 (ESP 3). The Commission modified and approved the Company's application for an ESP, including the authority to establish the power purchase agreement (PPA) rider, at an initial rate of zero. *ESP 3 Case*, Opinion and Order (Feb. 25, 2015) at 25-26; Second Entry on Rehearing (May 28, 2015) at 4-6.

{¶ 4} On October 3, 2014, as amended and superseded on May 15, 2015, in Case No. 14-1693-EL-RDR, et al. (*PPA Case*), AEP Ohio filed an application seeking approval to enter

into a new affiliate PPA with AEP Generation Resources, Inc. and to include the net impacts of both the affiliate PPA and the Company's Ohio Valley Electric Corporation contractual entitlement in the established PPA rider approved in the *ESP 3 Case*.

{¶ 5} After the evidentiary hearing in the *PPA Case* concluded, AEP Ohio, Staff, and several other parties filed a joint stipulation and recommendation (PPA stipulation) on December 14, 2015. Among the provisions of the PPA stipulation, AEP Ohio agreed to file a separate application with the Commission to, along with other proposals, extend the term of ESP 3 to coincide with the term of the affiliate PPA, through May 31, 2024. The Commission adopted, with modifications, the PPA stipulation. *PPA Case*, Opinion and Order (Mar. 31, 2016).

{¶ 6} On May 13, 2016, in the *ESP 3 Case*, AEP Ohio filed an application and supporting testimony to amend its ESP 3 to, among other things, extend the term through May 31, 2024.

{¶ 7} By Entry issued September 7, 2016, AEP Ohio was directed to refile its ESP extension application, initially filed on May 13, 2016 in the *ESP 3 Case*, in the above noted dockets, by September 21, 2016.

{¶ 8} By Entry issued September 19, 2016, AEP Ohio's request for an extension of time to refile its ESP extension application was granted. Accordingly, AEP Ohio has until October 28, 2016, to refile its ESP extension application.

{¶ 9} On October 20, 2016, AEP Ohio filed a second motion for an extension of time, until November 23, 2016, to refile its ESP extension application. AEP Ohio states that while the Company has continued to review and update the proposed modifications to, and extension of, the existing ESP since being directed to refile the application in a new docket, additional time is required to complete the ESP extension application. AEP Ohio requests an expedited ruling on its motion for an extension.

{¶ 10} The attorney examiner finds AEP Ohio's request for additional time to review, update and refile its ESP extension application to be reasonable and, therefore, the request should be granted. Accordingly, AEP Ohio shall file its ESP extension application in the above noted cases by no later than November 23, 2016.

{¶ 11} It is, therefore,

{¶ 12} ORDERED, That AEP Ohio's motion for an extension of time to refile its ESP extension application is granted, until November 23, 2016. It is, further,

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

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/s/ Greta See 
By: Greta See
Attorney Examiner

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