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 February 7, 2017

{¶ 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} On November 23, 2016, AEP Ohio filed an application to extend, with certain modifications, the term of its current SSO pursuant to R.C. 4928.141. The application is for an ESP in accordance with R.C. 4928.143. The Company's current SSO term is scheduled to end May 31, 2018, and the ESP application proposes to extend the term through May 31, 2024.

{¶ 4} The technical conference on AEP Ohio's ESP application was held on December 14, 2016.

{¶ 5} In order to assist the Commission in its review of AEP Ohio's ESP application, the attorney examiner finds that the following procedural schedule should be established:

- (a) Motions to intervene should be filed by March 1, 2017.
- (b) Testimony on behalf of intervenors should be filed by May 2, 2017.
- (c) Discovery requests, except for notices of deposition, should be served by May 15, 2017.
- (d) A procedural conference shall be scheduled for May 23, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, Hearing Room 11-A, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.
- (e) Testimony on behalf of Staff should be filed by May 30, 2017.
- (f) The evidentiary hearing shall commence on June 6,
 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission,
 Hearing Room 11-A, 180 East Broad Street,
 Columbus, Ohio.
- **{**¶ **6}** Local public hearings will be scheduled in a subsequent entry.
- **{¶ 7}** It is, therefore,

{¶ 8} ORDERED, That the procedural schedule set forth in Paragraph 5 be observed by the parties. It is, further,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record in these proceedings and all parties of record in Case No. 13-2385-EL-SSO, et al.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

/s/ Greta See

By: Greta See Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry that finds that the following procedural schedule be observed: Motions to intervene should be filed by March 1, 2017; testimony on behalf of intervenors should be filed by May 2, 2017; discovery requests, except for notices of deposition, should be served by May 15, 2017; a procedural conference shall be scheduled for May 23, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, Hearing Room 11-A, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio; testimony on behalf of Staff should be filed by May 30, 2017; and the evidentiary hearing shall commence on June 6, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, Hearing Room 11-A, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio; testimony on behalf of Staff should be filed by May 30, 2017; and the evidentiary hearing shall commence on June 6, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, Hearing Room 11-A, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio. Entry electronically filed by Debra Hight on behalf of Greta See, Attorney Examiner.