

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 May 26, 2017

{¶ 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} 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. 13-2385-EL-SSO, et al., the Commission modified and approved AEP Ohio's application for an ESP for the period beginning June 1, 2015, through May 31, 2018, pursuant to R.C. 4928.143. *In re Ohio Power Co.*, Case No. 13-2385-EL-SSO, et al., Opinion and Order (Feb. 25, 2015), Second Entry on Rehearing (May 28, 2015), Fourth Entry on Rehearing (Nov. 3, 2016), Seventh Entry on Rehearing (Apr. 5, 2017).

{¶ 4} On November 23, 2016, in the above-captioned cases, AEP Ohio filed an application that, if approved, would modify the ESP and extend its term through May 31, 2024.

{¶ 5} By Entry dated February 7, 2017, a procedural schedule was established, which included a deadline of May 30, 2017, for the filing of Staff's testimony.

{¶ 6} On May 23, 2017, Staff filed a motion seeking to extend the deadline for the filing of its testimony, along with a request for expedited consideration. Specifically, Staff requests that the deadline be extended from May 30, 2017, to June 6, 2017. In support of its motion, Staff states that the parties have engaged in preliminary settlement negotiations. Staff further states that, in order to facilitate its full participation in the parties' settlement discussions, Staff requires additional time to prepare and finalize its testimony. Finally, Staff notes that all parties have been contacted regarding the motion and that all responding parties have granted their consent to the requested extension.

{¶ 7} The attorney examiner finds that Staff's motion for an extension of the deadline for the filing of its testimony is reasonable and should be granted pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-12(F). Staff should, therefore, file its testimony by June 6, 2017.

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That Staff's motion for an extension of the deadline for the filing of its testimony be granted. It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

/s/ Sarah J. Parrot

By: Sarah J. Parrot
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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry granting motion for an extension of the deadline for the filing of its testimony; electronically filed by Vesta R Miller on behalf of Sarah J. Parrot, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio