

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power	)	Case No. 16-1852-EL-SSO
Company for Authority to Establish a Standard	)	
Service Offer Pursuant to R.C. 4928.143, in the	)	
Form of an Electric Security Plan.	)	
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In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power	)	Case No. 16-1853-EL-AAM
Company for Approval of Certain Accounting	)	
Authority.	)	

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**MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE AND  
REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION  
ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF THE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

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The Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Staff) respectfully requests that the hearing date currently scheduled for August 8, 2017 be continued. Staff makes this request pursuant to Ohio Admin. Code §4901-1-13(A). Pursuant to Ohio Admin. Code §4901-1-12(C), Staff specifically requests an expedited ruling on this motion.

By Entry issued February 7, 2017, the Commission established a procedural schedule for this case, including a hearing date of June 6, 2017. By Entry dated June 1, 2017, the Attorney Examiner granted a motion filed by Staff to continue the hearing until June 12, 2017. On June 6, 2017, AEP Ohio, Staff, and others informed the Attorney Examiners that the parties were continuing to engage in settlement discussions. In light of those discussions, the Attorney Examiners found that the evidentiary hearing should be rescheduled to begin on August 8, 2017 by Entry dated June 6, 2017.

On behalf of numerous, but not all, of the parties to this proceeding, Staff represents that a settlement in principle has been reached. Discussions continue to ascertain whether additional parties may yet join the stipulation. Although Staff anticipates that a stipulation will be filed in the very near future, the complexity of the issues will necessitate additional time to complete drafting. Consequently, Staff requests that the evidentiary hearing currently scheduled to begin August 8, 2017 be continued to a date to be determined.

To facilitate the establishment of a procedural schedule agreeable both to the Attorney Examiners and the parties, Staff proposes that a Pre-Hearing or Status Conference be scheduled for Wednesday, August 16, 2017. Staff believes that it is highly likely that a stipulation will have been filed by that date.

All parties have been contacted regarding this motion, and all parties that have responded have granted their consent to the requested extension. This motion may therefore be granted pursuant to O.A.C. 4901-1-12(C).

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests that this motion be granted without delay, and that the Commission issue an order granting a continuance of the evidentiary hearing date to a date to be later determined.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing **Motion for Continuance and Request for Expedited Consideration** was served via e-mail upon the following parties of record, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2017.

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