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Re: In the Matter of the Application Seeking Approval of Ohio Power Company's Proposal to Enter into an Affiliate Power Purchase Agreement for Inclusion in the Power Purchase Agreement Rider, Case No. 14-1693-EL-RDR; In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company for Approval of Certain Accounting Authority, Case No. 14-1694-EL-AAM

Dear Attorney Examiners:

On December 14, 2015, Ohio Power Company (AEP Ohio) filed a Joint Stipulation and Recommendation (PPA Rider Stipulation) in the PPA Rider Cases (Case Nos. 15-1693-EL-RDR *et al.*), which was subsequently modified and adopted in the Commission's March 31, 2016 Opinion and Order. Section II.D.7.g of the PPA Rider Stipulation initiated a two-year Supplier Consolidated Billing (SCB) Pilot for signatory party CRES providers. The Stipulation provided for a working group to establish the methodology to be used within six months of the final order and the ability to implement the program one year from the final order. Subsequently on December 21, 2016, AEP Ohio submitted a Joint Stipulation and Recommendation (Global Settlement) in the Global Settlement Cases (Case Nos. 10-2929-EL-UNC *et al.*), which was adopted by the Commission's February 23, 2017 Order. Section IV.H of the Global Settlement modified and expanded the SCB Pilot and targeted the ability to implement the program for one year from the final order in the Global Settlement Cases for the new CRES provider that was added. Because a final order was not issued in the PPA Rider Cases until April 5, 2017, the one-year target date for SCB Pilot implementation was adjusted to April 5, 2018. AEP Ohio submits this status report to the Commission for consideration.

AEP Ohio, participating suppliers, and Staff continue to work together to finalize the designs of a SCB program which lends itself to a positive customer experience. While AEP Ohio continues to work with all parties involved in the SCB pilot, several factors have led to a delay in implementation. First, AEP Ohio is developing a more fully-automated approach than what was originally envisioned as part of the pilot. This automation will allow for a better product initially

and allow for less manual work by the suppliers and by AEP Ohio. Second, involvement in AEP Ohio's most recent ESP Case and filed Stipulation delayed discussions between AEP Ohio and participating suppliers from fully developing the framework around the SCB Pilot.

AEP Ohio currently anticipates that Suppliers would be able to start enrolling customers by the end of the third quarter of 2018. This date will allow for SCB to start for AEP Ohio and will consist of a program that encompasses basic functionality of the program. A second deployment will be made at the end of 2018 which will be able to address more complex customer issues under the SCB pilot. The second deployment will allow AEP Ohio to adjust for any needed changes from the first few months of program deployment and will take into consideration feedback from the suppliers and from the Commission Staff.

All parties involved with AEP Ohio's SCB Pilot have agreed to an adjusted implementation date of third quarter 2018, with a second more comprehensive roll-out phase at the end of 2018. This shift reflects better automation to the program and takes into consideration the delay caused by all parties involved in the most recent ESP Case. AEP Ohio commits to regular meetings with the suppliers and the Staff involved with SCB to finalize the details of the pilot program. Absent other direction from the Commission, AEP Ohio will file an additional status report within 60 days of implementing the SCB Pilot later this year.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Steven T. Nourse

cc: Parties of Record

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