

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
THE DAYTON POWER AND LIGHT
COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO RECOVER
CERTAIN STORM-RELATED SERVICE
RESTORATION COSTS.

CASE No. 18-77-EL-RDR

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on October 3, 2018

{¶ 1} The Dayton Power and Light Company (DP&L or Company) is a public utility and an electric distribution utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02 and R.C. 4928.01(A)(6), respectively. Therefore, DP&L is subject to this Commission's jurisdiction.

{¶ 2} R.C. 4928.141 mandates that an electric distribution utility shall provide a standard service offer (SSO) of all competitive retail electric services necessary to maintain essential electric service, including a firm supply of electric generation service, to all consumers within its certified territory. The SSO may be established as a market rate offer under R.C. 4928.142 or an electric security plan (ESP) under R.C. 4928.143.

{¶ 3} As part of DP&L's most recent ESP proceeding, the Commission approved a nonbypassable Storm Cost Recovery Rider (SCRR). *In re Dayton Power and Light Co.*, Case No. 16-395-EL-SSO (*ESP III*), Opinion and Order (Oct. 20, 2017). The SCRR is used as a placeholder for DP&L to file an application to recover the prudent costs from major storms and allows the Company to recover all operating and maintenance (O&M) expenses incurred from storms that are determined to be "Major Events" as defined by Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-10-01. Pursuant to the Opinion and Order issued in *ESP III*, prior to the resolution of the Company's then-pending rate case (Case No. 15-1830-EL-AIR) storm cost recovery would be offset by the three-year average of major storm repair expense, less any outlier storms.

{¶ 4} In Case No. 16-2464-EL-AAM, DP&L requested deferment of major storm expenses beginning January 2016 through the resolution of the Company's rate case. By

Finding and Order issued May 3, 2017, the Commission modified and approved the Company's application, integrating Staff's recommendation that only the known storms that occurred in 2016 should be considered and any storms occurring in 2017 being considered separately in a future case. *In re Dayton Power and Light Co.*, Case No. 16-2464-EL-AAM, Finding and Order (May 3, 2017).

{¶ 5} On February 2, 2018, DP&L initiated this docket by filing its application to recover the deferred 2016 storm-related O&M expenses.

{¶ 6} On March 22, 2018, Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) filed a motion to intervene on behalf of DP&L's residential customers. OCC asserts that it is entitled to intervene under R.C. 4903.221 and Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-11. Upon review, the attorney examiner finds that the motion to intervene is reasonable and should be granted.

{¶ 7} On July 26, 2018, Staff filed its review and recommendations regarding DP&L's application. Staff states that it examined the as-filed schedules for consistency with previous storm rider cases to ensure proper accounting and regulatory treatment was applied. Further, Staff's audit consisted of a review of the financial statements for completeness, occurrence, presentation, valuation, allocation, and accuracy through a combination of document review, interviews, and interrogatories. Ultimately, Staff found that the Company appropriately included in its SCRR only those restoration costs incurred due to major storms in Ohio, with the exception of several recommended adjustments totaling \$63,372.

{¶ 8} In order to assist the Commission in its review of DP&L's SCRR, the attorney examiner finds that the following procedural schedule should be established:

- (a) October 26, 2018 – Deadline for filing motions to intervene.
- (b) November 2, 2018 – Deadline for filing initial comments.
- (c) November 16, 2018 – Deadline for filing reply comments.

{¶ 9} It is, therefore,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That OCC's motion to intervene be granted as stated in Paragraph 6. It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That the procedural schedule set forth in Paragraph 8 be adopted. It is, further,

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

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry granting OCC's motion to intervene and establishing procedural schedule electronically filed by Heather A Chilcote on behalf of Patricia Schabo, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission