# 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

## FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on November 28, 2018

## I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio's request to modify the amount of the credit for its Interruptible Power Discretionary Expanded Service.

## II. DISCUSSION

- $\{\P\ 2\}$  Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio (AEP Ohio or 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.
- {¶ 3} 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.

- {¶ 4} By Opinion and Order dated April 25, 2018, the Commission modified and approved, pursuant to a stipulation and recommendation (Stipulation) filed by AEP Ohio and numerous other parties, an ESP for the Company for the period of June 1, 2018, through May 31, 2024. Pursuant to the Stipulation, AEP Ohio agreed to implement Interruptible Power Discretionary (IRP-D) Expanded Service for eligible existing customers that were not participating in the Company's legacy IRP-D program. Opinion and Order at ¶¶ 82, 84-85.
- {¶ 5} On November 6, 2018, AEP Ohio filed correspondence requesting the Commission's approval of a correction to the amount of the expanded IRP-D credit for a six-month period. AEP Ohio explains that, due to an error in the inputs to the calculation, the expanded IRP-D credit should have been \$3.46 instead of \$3.45, as of June 1, 2018. In order to appropriately reflect the amount of the credit for those customers participating in the expanded IRP-D tariff, AEP Ohio seeks the Commission's approval to change the expanded IRP-D credit to \$3.47, beginning with the first billing cycle of December 2018 and continuing through the last billing cycle of May 2019.
- {¶ 6} Upon review of AEP Ohio's request to modify the amount of the expanded IRP-D credit, the Commission finds that the Company's request does not appear to be unjust and unreasonable and that it should be approved. Further, the Commission finds that no hearing is required on this matter.

## III. ORDER

- {¶ 7} It is, therefore,
- {¶ 8} ORDERED, That AEP Ohio's request to modify the amount of its expanded IRP-D credit, as filed on November 6, 2018, be approved. It is, further,

- **[¶ 9]** ORDERED, That nothing in this Finding and Order shall be binding upon this Commission in any future proceeding or investigation involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule, or regulation. It is, further,
- {¶ 10} ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all interested persons and parties of record.

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