

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2015 THROUGH
2017 REVIEW OF THE ALTERNATIVE
ENERGY RIDER OF OHIO POWER
COMPANY.

CASE NO. 18-80-EL-RDR

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on January 14, 2019

{¶ 1} Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio (AEP Ohio) is an electric distribution utility as defined by 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} R.C. 4928.64(B)(2) establishes benchmarks for an electric distribution utility to acquire a portion of its electricity supply for retail customers in Ohio from renewable energy resources. R.C. 4928.645 provides that an electric distribution utility may use renewable energy credits and solar energy credits to meet its respective renewable energy and solar benchmarks.

{¶ 4} On August 8, 2012, the Commission issued its Opinion and Order in Case No. 11-346-EL-SSO, et al., which approved, with certain modifications, AEP Ohio's application for an ESP, effective with the first billing cycle of September 2012 through May 31, 2015. *In re Ohio Power Co.*, Case No. 11-346-EL-SSO, et al. (*ESP 2 Case*), Opinion and Order (Aug. 8, 2012). Among other provisions of the ESP, the Commission approved

AEP Ohio's request to establish the Alternative Energy Rider (AER) for the recovery of renewable energy credit expenses, subject to an annual audit. *ESP 2 Case* at 17-18.

{¶ 5} In Case No. 13-2385-EL-SSO, et al., the Commission modified and approved an ESP for AEP Ohio, including approval of the continuation of the AER, for the period of June 1, 2015, through May 31, 2018. *In re Ohio Power Co.*, Case No. 13-2385-EL-SSO, et al., Opinion and Order (Feb. 25, 2015) at 35.

{¶ 6} On June 20, 2018, in the above-captioned proceeding, the Commission selected London Economics International LLC (LEI) to perform an audit of AEP Ohio's AER for the period of January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2017.

{¶ 7} On October 24, 2018, Staff filed a motion for extension requesting that the deadline for LEI's draft audit report be extended from October 31, 2018, to November 16, 2018. Staff also requested that the deadline for the final audit report be extended from November 14, 2018, to November 30, 2018. By Entry dated October 25, 2018, the attorney examiner granted Staff's motion for extension.

{¶ 8} On November 29, 2018, Staff filed a second motion for extension requesting that the deadline for LEI's final audit report be extended from November 30, 2018, to December 14, 2018. The motion was granted by Entry dated November 30, 2018.

{¶ 9} On December 11, 2018, Staff filed a third motion for extension requesting that the deadline for LEI's final audit report be extended from December 14, 2018, to January 11, 2019. The motion was granted by Entry dated December 12, 2018.

{¶ 10} On January 11, 2019, Staff filed a fourth motion for extension requesting that the deadline for LEI's final audit report be extended from January 11, 2019, to January 16, 2019. In support of its motion, Staff states that it needs a few additional days to review the final audit report before it is filed. Staff also requests an expedited ruling on its motion pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-12(C).

{¶ 11} Pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-12(F), the attorney examiner finds that Staff's motion for extension is reasonable and should be granted. Accordingly, the deadline for the final audit report should be extended to January 16, 2019.

{¶ 12} It is, therefore,

{¶ 13} ORDERED, That Staff's motion for extension be granted in accordance with Paragraph 11. It is, further,

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

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s/Sarah Parrot

By: Sarah J. Parrot
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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry granting Staff's motion for extension in accordance with Paragraph 11 - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Sarah Parrot, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio