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CASE NO. 13-1286-EL-FAC

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**CASE NO. 13-1892-EL-FAC** 

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF OHIO POWER COMPANY TO ADOPT A FINAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE RETAIL STABILITY RIDER.

CASE NO. 14-1186-EL-RDR

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF OHIO POWER COMPANY FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE SIGNIFICANTLY EXCESSIVE EARNINGS TEST PURSUANT TO R.C. 4928.143(F) AND OHIO ADM.CODE 4901:1-35-10.

**CASE NO. 15-1022-EL-UNC** 

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF OHIO POWER COMPANY FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE SIGNIFICANTLY EXCESSIVE EARNINGS TEST PURSUANT TO R.C. 4928.143(F) AND OHIO ADM.CODE 4901:1-35-10.

CASE NO. 16-1105-EL-UNC

## **ENTRY**

Entered in the Journal on January 30, 2019

#### I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission approves Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio's revised retail stability rider tariffs.

# 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} On February 23, 2017, the Commission modified and approved a joint stipulation and recommendation (Global Settlement Stipulation) filed in the above-captioned cases by AEP Ohio and numerous other parties to resolve a number of pending issues regarding the Company's second ESP and other related matters. Among other terms, the Global Settlement Stipulation established a revenue requirement for AEP Ohio's retail stability rider (RSR) and provided that, with respect to residential and GS-1 customers, the rider would be collected over a period of 24 months. Order on Global Settlement Stipulation at ¶99.
- {¶ 5} On August 28, 2018, and January 23, 2019, AEP Ohio filed correspondence and revised tariffs to expire the RSR rate for residential and GS-1 customers, respectively. AEP Ohio explains that, under the terms of the Global Settlement Stipulation, the residential and GS-1 shares of the RSR were limited to \$43.7 million and \$7.9 million, respectively, for the RSR collection period. According to AEP Ohio, it has collected approximately \$44.7 million from residential customers and \$7.9 million from GS-1 customers. AEP Ohio notes that the RSR rate for residential customers expired effective with the August 2018 billing cycle, while the RSR rate for GS-1 customers expired as of the last billing cycle of December 2018. Additionally, AEP Ohio states that there is an over-collection of \$1 million for the residential

share of the RSR and an under-collection of \$4,835 for the GS-1 share, which the Company intends to maintain as a regulatory liability and regulatory asset, respectively, pending further direction from the Commission.

{¶ 6} The Commission finds that AEP Ohio's revised RSR tariffs do not appear to be unjust and unreasonable and that they should be approved. The Commission also finds that no hearing is required on this matter. Finally, we note that AEP Ohio should continue to maintain the over-collection of \$1 million for the residential share of the RSR and the undercollection of \$4,835 for the GS-1 share as a regulatory liability and regulatory asset, respectively, until otherwise directed by the Commission.

## III. ORDER

- {¶ 7} It is, therefore,
- {¶ 8} ORDERED, That AEP Ohio's revised RSR tariffs be approved. It is, further,
- {¶ 9} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all interested persons and parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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