

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
OHIO POWER COMPANY FOR AN
INCREASE IN ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION
RATES.

CASE NO. 20-585-EL-AIR

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
OHIO POWER COMPANY FOR TARIFF
APPROVAL.

CASE NO. 20-586-EL-ATA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
OHIO POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL
TO CHANGE ACCOUNTING METHODS.

CASE NO. 20-587-EL-AAM

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on January 21, 2021

{¶ 1} Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio (AEP Ohio or the Company) is an electric light company as defined by R.C. 4905.03 and a public utility as defined by R.C. 4905.02, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 2} In Case No. 16-1852-EL-SSO, et al., the Commission modified and approved a stipulation and recommendation (Stipulation) filed by AEP Ohio, Staff, and numerous other signatory parties, which authorized the Company to implement an electric security plan for the period of June 1, 2018, through May 31, 2024. Among the commitments in the Stipulation, AEP Ohio agreed to file a base distribution rate case by June 1, 2020. *In re Ohio Power Co.*, Case No. 16-1852-EL-SSO, et al., Opinion and Order (Apr. 25, 2018) at ¶ 45.

{¶ 3} On April 29, 2020, in the above-captioned cases, AEP Ohio filed a pre-filing notice of its intent to file an application for approval of an increase in its electric distribution rates, tariff modifications, and changes in accounting methods.

{¶ 4} On June 8, 2020, AEP Ohio filed its application to increase its rates pursuant to R.C. 4909.18.¹ AEP Ohio filed direct testimony in support of its application on June 15, 2020.

{¶ 5} On November 18, 2020, as amended on November 25, 2020, Staff filed a written report of its investigation (Staff Report). Pursuant to R.C. 4909.19 and Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-28(B), objections to the Staff Report were due by December 18, 2020.

{¶ 6} By Entry issued on November 23, 2020, as amended by Entries issued on December 1, 2020, and January 14, 2021, the procedural schedule was established in these cases such that a public hearing will be held on February 8, 2021, through Webex; the prehearing conference and technology test session will be held on February 11, 2021, through Webex; and the evidentiary hearing will commence on March 4, 2021, through Webex. Further, direct expert testimony supporting objections to the Staff Report is due by January 29, 2021; motions to strike objections to the Staff Report are due by February 8, 2021; and memoranda contra motions to strike objections to the Staff Report are due by February 16, 2021.

{¶ 7} On various dates, motions to intervene in these proceedings were filed by Nationwide Energy Partners, LLC (Nationwide); Armada Power, LLC (Armada); Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. (Constellation); Clean Fuels Ohio (CFO); Citizens' Utility Board of Ohio (CUB-Ohio); Zeco Systems, Inc. d/b/a Greenlots (Greenlots); Ohio Environmental Council (OEC); One Energy Enterprises LLC (One Energy); One Cable Telecommunications Association (OCTA); and EVgo Services LLC (EVgo).

{¶ 8} No memoranda contra the motions to intervene were filed.

¹ Due to the closure of the Commission's offices from June 1, 2020, through June 5, 2020, the application for a rate increase, which was submitted by AEP Ohio on June 1, 2020, was accepted for filing on June 8, 2020, and deemed timely filed in accordance with R.C. 1.14 and Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-07 and 4901-1-13. *In re the Extension of Filing Dates for Pleadings and Other Papers Due to a Building Emergency*, Case No. 20-1132-AU-UNC, Entry (June 8, 2020).

{¶ 9} The attorney examiner finds that each of the motions to intervene meets the criteria set forth in R.C. 4903.221 and Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-11. Accordingly, the motions for intervention filed by Nationwide, Armada, Constellation, CFO, CUB-Ohio, Greenlots, OEC, One Energy, OCTA, and EVgo should be granted.

{¶ 10} Gov.Bar R. XII(2)(A) provides rules governing eligibility to practice pro hac vice in Ohio. Pursuant to Gov.Bar R. XII(2)(A)(7), motions for admission pro hac vice must be accompanied by a certificate of pro hac vice registration furnished by the Supreme Court Office of Attorney Services.

{¶ 11} On January 7, 2021, a motion to appear pro hac vice and certificate of pro hac vice registration were filed for Lilly McKenna on behalf of EVgo. The attorney examiner finds that the motion is reasonable and should be granted.

{¶ 12} It is, therefore,

{¶ 13} ORDERED, That the motions to intervene filed by Nationwide, Armada, Constellation, CFO, CUB-Ohio, Greenlots, OEC, One Energy, OCTA, and EVgo be granted. It is, further,

{¶ 14} ORDERED, That the motion to appear pro hac vice of Lilly McKenna be granted. It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

/s/Greta See

By: Greta See
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry ordering that the motions to intervene filed by Nationwide, Armada, Constellation, CFO, CUB-Ohio, Greenlots, OEC, One Energy, OCTA, and EVgo be granted and ordering that the motion to appear pro hac vice of Lilly McKenna be granted electronically filed by Heather A Chilcote on behalf of Greta See, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission