

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Long-Term Forecast )  
Report of Ohio Power Company and ) Case No. 06-501-EL-FOR  
Related Matters. )

In the Matter of the Long-Term Forecast )  
Report of Columbus Southern Power ) Case No. 06-502-EL-FOR  
Company and Related Matters. )

## FINDING AND ORDER

### The Commission finds:

- (1) On April 12, 2006, Ohio Power Company (Ohio Power) and Columbus Southern Power Company (Columbus Southern) (jointly the Companies or AEP-Ohio)<sup>1</sup> filed their respective 2006 long-term forecast report (LTFR). The LTFRs contain information on AEP-Ohio's energy demand, its peak loads and reserves, as well as resource plans each utility can implement to meet anticipated demand.
- (2) Section 4935.04(D)(3), Revised Code, requires that the Commission hold a hearing on the first LTFR filed by the utility, at least once every five years on the utility's latest report filed and on the latest LTFR filed if the report contains a substantial change from the preceding report.
- (3) On April 19, 2006, Commission Staff filed a motion for a hearing. Staff's request for a hearing was granted and the hearing was scheduled to commence on June 28, 2006. AEP-Ohio was ordered to publish notice of the hearing in newspapers of general circulation throughout AEP-Ohio's service territory.
- (4) The Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) and the Industrial Energy Users-Ohio (IEU) each filed motions to intervene in these proceedings. By entry issued July 6, 2006, OCC's and IEU's motions for intervention were granted.

<sup>1</sup> Ohio Power and Columbus Southern are operating subsidiaries of American Electric Power Corporation.

This is to certify that the images appearing are an accurate and complete reproduction of a case file document delivered in the regular course of business. Technician JP Date Processed 1-31-07

- (5) The hearing was held as scheduled. No customers of AEP-Ohio appeared at the hearing. At the hearing, the parties requested additional time to complete their analysis of AEP-Ohio's LTFR and to continue discussion among the parties with the intent of reaching a resolution to these matters.
- (6) On December 26, 2006, AEP-Ohio and the Staff filed, among other things, a Stipulation and Recommendation (Stipulation) resolving all issues in this case. Pursuant to the Stipulation, AEP-Ohio and the Staff agree that:
  - (a) AEP-Ohio's 2006 LTFR filings are just and reasonable and meet the statutory requirements of Section 4935.04(F), Revised Code;
  - (b) pursuant to the requirements of Section 4935.04(D)(3), Revised Code, AEP-Ohio published notice of the hearing for these cases and that the affidavit filed December 26, 2006 attesting to the publication is admitted into the record as Companies' Exhibit 1;
  - (c) pursuant to the Commission's Order in Case No. 05-1057-EL-CSS, *In the Matter of the Complaint of Ormet Primary Aluminum Corporation and Ormet Aluminum Mill Products Corporation v. South Central Power Company and Ohio Power Company* (Supplemental Opinion and Order issued November 8, 2006, as revised by Entry Nunc Pro Tunc issued November 21, 2006), wherein Ohio Power and Columbus Southern were each given responsibility for providing electric service to Ormet Primary Aluminum Corporation and Ormet Aluminum Mill Products Corporation, parties to the Stipulation agree that, in the event such additional load triggers a substantial change, as defined in Section 4935.04(D)(3)(c), Revised Code, and Rule 4901:5-1-01(L), Ohio Administrative Code, in the Companies 2007 LTFR, that a motion to convene a hearing will not be filed; and

- (d) the Stipulation shall be admitted into the record in these proceedings and identified as Joint Exhibit 1.
- (7) On January 18, 2007, IEU filed a notice stating that it does not oppose the Stipulation. On January 22, 2007, OCC filed a statement that although the Stipulation indicates that OCC agreed not to oppose the Stipulation<sup>2</sup> that, in fact, OCC takes no position with the Stipulation.
- (8) The Commission has considered the record and the Stipulation. The Commission concludes that the LTFR information in the above-noted dockets meet the criteria set forth in Section 4935.04(F), Revised Code, and that the Stipulation is reasonable and should be approved. We are not, by this conclusion, making any determination as to the prudence or reasonableness of AEP-Ohio's electric procurement policies and practices.

It is, therefore,

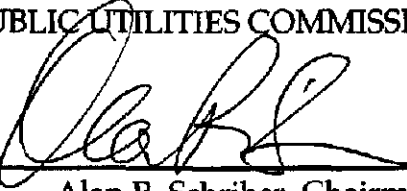
ORDERED, That the Stipulation be approved. It is, further,

---

<sup>2</sup> Joint Exhibit 1 at 1.

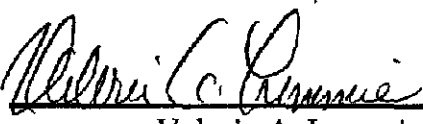
ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon AEP-Ohio, OCC, IEU, their respective counsel, and all other interested persons of record.

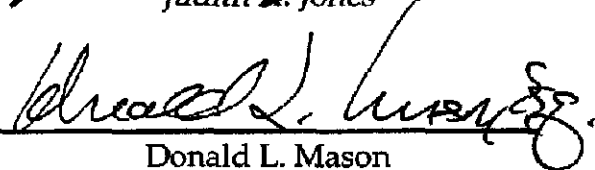
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Alan R. Schriber, Chairman

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Ronda Hartman Fergus

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Judith A. Jones

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Valerie A. Lemmie

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Donald L. Mason

GNS/vrm

Entered in the Journal

JAN 31 2007

  
\_\_\_\_\_

Renee J. Jenkins  
Secretary