## **BEFORE**

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Columbus Southern Power Company for Approval of a Change in Bill Format.	)	Case No. 11-178-EL-UNC
In the Matter of the Application of Columbus Southern Power Company to Establish New Experimental Rate Schedule Classifications for Residential and Small General Service Time of Day Rates and Residential Experimental Direct Load Control Rider.	)	Case No. 10-424-EL-ATA

## **ENTRY**

## The Commission finds:

- (1) On March 18, 2009, the Commission issued its opinion and order in Columbus Southern Power Company's (CSP or the Company) and Ohio Power Company's (jointly, AEP-Ohio) electric security plan (ESP) cases (ESP Order).1 By entries on rehearing issued July 23, 2009 (First ESP EOR), and November 4, 2009 (Second ESP EOR), the Commission affirmed and clarified certain issues raised in AEP-Ohio's ESP Order. In the ESP Orders, the Commission approved CSP's application to initiate Phase I of its gridSMART project and directed CSP to pursue funding for the project from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The Commission encouraged CSP's expedient implementation of the pilot program, with three primary components: advanced meter infrastructure (AMI), Distribution Automation (DA) and Home Area Network (HAN) technologies, to serve as the foundation for CSP providing its customers with the ability to better manage their energy consumption and reduce their energy costs as well as decrease the scope and duration of electric outages.
- (2) On April 1, 2010, in Case No. 10-424-EL-ATA, CSP filed an application for authority to offer small commercial and

In re AEP-Ohio ESP cases, Case Nos. 08-917-EL-SSO and 08-918-EL-SSO, Opinion and Order (March 18, 2009).

residential customers within its Phase 1 gridSMART territory time-of-day (TOD) service and to offer residential customers within the Phase 1 gridSMART area direct load control service (DLC).

- (3) After considering comments filed by the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy, and a recommendation from Staff, the Commission approved, with certain modifications, CSP's request to offer TOD and DLC services on December 1, 2010.
- (4) On January 13, 2011, in Case No. 11-178-EL-UNC, CSP filed an application for approval of a change in the company's bill formats to facilitate the implementation of TOD experimental service offerings. In its application, the company states that it must revise the language on the bill to reflect "high cost hours" and "low cost hours" under the generation portion of the bill for TOD customers. CSP states that prior to filing this bill amendment application, it provided a copy to Staff for their input. CSP requests that the Commission expedite processing of the application to facilitate the timely implementation of the TOD and DLC tariffs on January 14, 2011.
- (5) CSP is a public utility as defined in Section 4905.02, Revised Code, and, as such, CSP is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (6) Upon review of the application, the Commission finds that the proposed language better and more clearly identifies the applicable TOD service rates on customer bills. Accordingly, the Commission finds that the application to change the bill format is reasonable and should be granted.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the amended bill format, as filed on January 13, 2011, is approved. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon CSP and all other interested persons of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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