

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of )  
of Columbus Southern Power Company ) Case No. 11-529-EL-UNC  
for Approval of a Change in Bill Format. )

In the Matter of the Application of )  
Columbus Southern Power Company to )  
Establish New Experimental Critical Peak ) Case No. 11-530-EL-ATA  
Pricing Schedule for Residential Customers )  
Participating in the gridSMART Program. )

ENTRY

The Attorney Examiner 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).<sup>1</sup> 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) Further, in *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

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<sup>1</sup> *In re AEP-Ohio ESP cases*, Case Nos. 08-917-EL-SSO and 08-918-EL-SSO, Opinion and Order (March 18, 2009).

No. 10-424-EL-UNC, the Commission encouraged CSP to develop a dynamic pricing option for residential and commercial customers in the gridSMART project area.

- (3) On February 4, 2011, CSP filed a tariff amendment application to offer a critical peak pricing option for residential customers and a proposed bill amendment in Case Nos. 11-529-EL-UNC and 11-530-EL-ATA.
- (4) Pursuant to Rule 4901:1-10-22(C), Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), any bill format proposed by an electric utility that is not acted upon within 45 calendar days, shall be deemed approved on the 46<sup>th</sup> day. Accordingly, the proposed bill amendment may become effective, if not suspended, on March 21, 2011.
- (5) To allow Staff sufficient time to review, and the Commission the opportunity to make a decision on the tariff amendment in conjunction with the proposed bill amendment, automatic approval of the bill amendment should be suspended until the Commission specifically orders otherwise.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the proposed bill amendment is suspended until the Commission specifically orders otherwise. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon CSP and its counsel and all other persons of record in these proceedings.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO



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Secretary