

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of the Ohio)
Department of Development for an Order)
Approving Adjustments to the Universal) Case No. 08-658-EL-UNC
Service Fund Riders of Jurisdictional Ohio)
Electric Distribution Utilities.)

ENTRY

The Attorney Examiner finds:

- (1) Pursuant to the Orders issued in *In the Matter of the Application of the Ohio Department of Development for an Order Approving Adjustments to the Universal Service Fund Riders of Jurisdictional Ohio Electric Distribution Utilities*, Case No. 07-661-EL-UNC, and *In the Matter of the Application of the Ohio Department of Development for an Order Approving Adjustments to the Universal Service Fund Riders of Jurisdictional Ohio Electric Distribution Utilities*, Case No. 08-658-EL-UNC (08-658), each electric utility's accounting and reporting procedures and policies for the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) were evaluated. The Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) selected the accounting firm of Schneider Downs to conduct the review of agreed-upon procedures (AUP) for the electric utilities.
- (2) As part of the 08-658 proceeding, Schneider Downs evaluated the PIPP-related accounting and reporting practices of Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company (jointly AEP-Ohio) and Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke). On April 15, 2009, as amended May 4, 2009, ODOD filed its Supplement to the 2008 notice of intent (NOI) which included the Schneider Downs AUP reports for AEP-Ohio and Duke (2008 NOI Supplement).
- (3) Subsequently, ODOD and AEP-Ohio filed a joint motion for approval of a settlement agreement on January 19, 2010. By Finding and Order issued February 24, 2010, in 08-658, the Commission approved the settlement agreement filed by AEP-Ohio and ODOD.

- (4) On December 23, 2010, ODOD filed a motion for a procedural schedule to proceed with the adjudication of certain issues raised in Duke's PIPP accounting, reporting and policy review.
- (5) By entry issued January 6, 2011, a procedural schedule was established for the processing of the outstanding matters in this case. Pursuant thereto, ODOD is to file its testimony on April 20, 2011; Duke and intervenor testimony is due May 2, 2011; a prehearing conference is scheduled for May 4, 2011; and the hearing is scheduled to commence on May 10, 2011.
- (6) On April 18, 2011, ODOD, Duke and OCC (movants) filed a joint motion to stay the procedural schedule. In the joint motion, movants indicate significant benefit may be derived by a meeting between the remaining parties' subject matter experts to fully explore the information provided, facilitate each parties' understanding and possibly resolve outstanding issues. The movants also note that there are discovery requests outstanding. The movants state that no party affected by this stage of the proceeding opposes the request for a stay of the procedural schedule nor has there been any objection to the issuance of an expedited ruling.
- (7) The movants request for a stay of the procedural schedule, to facilitate further discussion among the remaining parties, is reasonable and should be granted. However, movants are directed to notify the Attorney Examiner by June 1, 2011, regarding the status of the remaining parties' progress to address the outstanding issues.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the request to stay the procedural schedule is granted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That ODOD, Duke and OCC comply with the directives set forth in finding (7). It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served on all parties and interested persons of record in this case.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO



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