

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of)
Columbus Southern Power Company and)
Ohio Power Company, Individually and, if) Case No. 11-351-EL-AIR
Their Proposed Merger is Approved, as a) Case No. 11-352-EL-AIR
Merged Company (collectively, AEP Ohio))
for an Increase in Electric Distribution)
Rates.)

In the Matter of the Application of)
Columbus Southern Power Company and)
Ohio Power Company, Individually and, if) Case No. 11-353-EL-ATA
Their Proposed Merger is Approved, as a) Case No. 11-354-EL-ATA
Merged Company (collectively, AEP Ohio))
for Tariff Approval.)

In the Matter of the Application of)
Columbus Southern Power Company and)
Ohio Power Company, Individually and, if) Case No. 11-356-EL-AAM
Their Proposed Merger is Approved, as a) Case No. 11-358-EL-AAM
Merged Company (collectively, AEP Ohio))
for Approval to Change Accounting)
Methods.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) Columbus Southern Power Company (CSP) and Ohio Power Company (OPCo) (collectively, the Applicants or AEP-Ohio) are electric companies as defined by Section 4905.03(A)(3), Revised Code, and public utilities as defined by Section 4905.02, Revised Code. The Applicants are, therefore, subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission pursuant to Sections 4905.04, 4905.05, and 4905.06, Revised Code.
- (2) By entry issued April 13, 2011, the Commission accepted for filing the application of AEP-Ohio seeking to increase electric distribution rates. Additionally, the April 13, 2011, entry

approved the Applicants proposed notice for publication, with one addition, and directed AEP-Ohio to commence publication of notice pursuant to Section 4909.19, Revised Code.

- (3) On April 26, 2011, counsel for AEP-Ohio docketed a letter seeking to supplement the approved notice for publication with an additional paragraph the details of which had been negotiated with the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC). In support of this request, Applicants note that representatives of AEP-Ohio and OCC were in negotiations to amend the proposed customer notice at the time the April 13, 2011, entry was issued. This new paragraph would inform residential ratepayers of a proposed change in the manner in which AEP-Ohio recovers residential distribution revenues. Counsel for the Applicants asserts that all parties have been notified of the supplemental paragraph and no party registered an objection to including the additional language in the notice.
- (4) Based upon the representations of AEP-Ohio's counsel, the attorney examiner finds good cause to modify the notice for publication to add the following:

AEP Ohio collects residential distribution revenues from customers through a fixed rate monthly customer charge and an energy charge that varies according to how much electricity a customer uses. A key point about AEP Ohio's proposal is to recover more of its costs via a fixed rate (applicable to all customers regardless of the amount of electricity used), with a corresponding decrease in the costs recovered via an energy rate (based on how much electricity is used). Specifically, for Ohio Power customers the residential customer charge would increase from \$3.82 to \$8.40, and the energy charge would be 2.14 cents per kWh for all usage; for Columbus Southern Power customers the residential customer charge would increase from \$4.52 to \$8.40 and the energy charge would also be reduced to 2.14 cents per kWh for all usage.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That AEP-Ohio's notice for publication be modified in accordance with finding 4. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon each party of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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