BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company for Authority to Establish a Standard Service Offer Pursuant to Section 4928.143, Revised Code, in the Form of an Electric Security Plan.		Case No. 11-346-EL-SSO Case No. 11-348-EL-SSO
In the Matter of the Application of Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company for Approval of Certain Accounting Authority.)	Case No. 11-349-EL-AAM Case No. 11-350-EL-AAM

<u>ENTRY</u>

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company (jointly, AEP-Ohio) are public utilities as defined in Section 4905.02, Revised Code, and, as such, are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) On January 27, 2011, AEP-Ohio filed an application for a standard service offer pursuant to Section 4928.141, Revised Code. The application is for an electric security plan in accordance with Section 4928.143, Revised Code.
- (3) By entry issued February 9, 2011, as revised by entries issued March 23, 2011, June 9, 2011, and July 8, 2011, a procedural schedule was established in these matters. In accordance with the procedural schedule, the hearing is scheduled to commence on August 15, 2011.
- (4) On August 12, 2011, a Joint Motion for Continuance and Request for Expedited Treatment (joint motion) was filed on behalf of AEP-Ohio, Commission Staff, Exelon Generation Company, LLC, Constellation Energy Commodities Group, Inc., Constellation NewEnergy, Inc., PJM Power Providers Group, the Retail Energy Supply Association, the Ohio Manufacturing Association Energy Group, Ohio Energy Group, Appalachian Peace and Justice Network, Ohio Environmental Council, The Kroger Company, EnerNoc, Inc., City of Grove

City, City of Hilliard, Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Ohio, and Ormet Primary Aluminum Corp (collectively, movants). In addition, the joint motion reflects that the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, The Ohio Hospital Association, National Resources Defense Council, and Sierra Club do not oppose the request for continuance and that Industrial Energy Users-Ohio neither support nor oppose the motion.

In support, the joint motion alleges that the parties have been engaged in productive settlement negotiations for several weeks and that those negotiations are continuing. Thus, the movants request a brief continuance of the hearing date commencing after the taking of appearances and the ruling(s) on procedural matters on the first day of hearing, August 15, 2011, until the earlier of the filing of a settlement, notice that settlement negotiations have been suspended, or two weeks until August 29, 2011.

(5) The attorney examiner finds that Rule 4901-1-12(F), Ohio Administrative Code, permits the issuance of an expedited ruling on the joint motion, without the filing of memoranda, as the issuance of an expedited ruling will not adversely affect a substantial right of any party. The attorney examiner further finds that the joint motion is reasonable and should be granted. Accordingly, the hearing in this matter will be continued on August 15, 2011, as outlined in finding (4). The attorney examiner also deems it appropriate to schedule a status conference with the parties on August 18, 2011, at 3 p.m. in hearing room 11-A in order to discuss the progress of negotiations.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the joint motion for a continuance of the hearing be granted as set forth herein. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a status conference be scheduled as discussed in finding 5. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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