

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, Applicants or AEP-Ohio) are electric light companies as defined by Section 4905.03(A)(3), Revised Code, and public utilities as defined by Section 4905.02, Revised Code. Applicants are, therefore, subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission pursuant to Sections 4905.04, 4905.05, and 4905.06, Revised Code.
- (2) On February 28, 2011, AEP-Ohio filed applications seeking an increase in electric distribution rates, for approval of tariff modifications, and for approval of changes to certain accounting methods.

- (3) The Commission has caused an investigation to be made of the facts set forth in the rate increase application by the company, the exhibits attached thereto, and the matters connected with the application.
- (4) A written report of Staff's investigation was filed on September 15, 2011. Copies of the staff report were mailed to the company and other persons deemed to be interested in the case.
- (5) Objections to the staff report should be filed in accordance with Section 4909.19, Revised Code, and Rule 4901-1-28(B), Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), which requires that all objections must be specific. Any objection that is not specific enough to convey what is actually being placed at issue will be struck pursuant to the above-cited rule.
- (6) Motions to strike objections should be filed by October 24, 2011, and memoranda contra motions to strike objections shall be filed by October 28, 2011. Unless an objection is struck or withdrawn, each objection must be discussed in the initial post-hearing brief of the objecting party. If the objection is not discussed in the initial brief, the objection will, without further action, be deemed withdrawn.
- (7) Pre-filed testimony should be filed in accordance with Rule 4901-1-29, O.A.C.
- (8) A prehearing conference will be held on November 2, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 E. Broad Street, 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-D, Columbus, Ohio 43215. The purpose of the conference will be to discuss procedural aspects of the case and to provide an opportunity for the parties to conduct settlement discussions.
- (9) The evidentiary hearing in this proceeding will commence on November 14, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 E. Broad Street, 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-A, Columbus, Ohio 43215.
- (10) The local public hearings will be scheduled, and publication of notice required, by subsequent entry.
- (11) Motions to intervene in this proceeding should be filed by October 17, 2011.

It is, therefore,

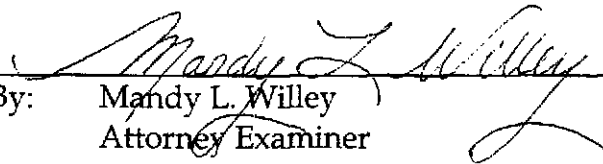
ORDERED, That the prehearing conference in this proceeding be scheduled in accordance with Finding (8). It is, further,

ORDERED, That the evidentiary hearing in this proceeding be scheduled in accordance with finding (9). It is, further,

ORDERED, That all interested persons comply with the time frames established in findings (5), (6), (7), and (11). 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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