

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) By entry issued September 16, 2011, the attorney examiner set a deadline of October 17, 2011, for the filing of motions to intervene in these matters. Additionally, the attorney examiner scheduled a prehearing to begin on November 2, 2011, and an evidentiary hearing to begin on November 14, 2011.
- (5) In order to provide customers of AEP-Ohio a reasonable opportunity to provide public testimony in these proceedings, local public hearings shall be conducted on the following dates:
 - (a) Monday, October 17, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., at the Washington State Community College, Arts and Sciences Building, Harvey Graham Auditorium, Second Floor, 710 Colegate Drive, Marietta, Ohio 45750.
 - (b) Tuesday, October 18, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., at Glenwood Middle School, Auditorium, 1015 44th St. N.W., Canton, Ohio 44709.
 - (c) Monday, October 24, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., at Lima Senior High School, 1 Spartan Way, Lima, Ohio 45801.
 - (d) Wednesday, October 26, at 6:00 p.m., at Whetstone Park of Roses Shelter House, 3901 N. High St., Columbus, Ohio 43215.
- (6) The applicant should publish notice of the local public hearings in newspapers of general circulation in the affected service territory once each week for two consecutive weeks prior to the scheduled date of the first local hearing. The notice should not appear in the legal notices section of the newspaper. The notice should read as follows:

LEGAL NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled local public hearings in Case Nos. 11-351-EL-AIR, 11-352-EL-AIR, 11-353-EL-ATA, 11-354-EL-ATA, 11-356-EL-AAM, and 11-358-EL-AAM, *In the*

Matter of the Application of Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company, Individually and, if Their Proposed Merger is Approved, as a Merged Company (collectively, AEP Ohio) for an Increase in Electric Distribution Rates, for Tariff Approval, and for Approval to Change Accounting Methods.

In their applications, Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company request a rate increase of \$93,815,000 or an average increase in total distribution revenue of 10.6 percent for Columbus Southern Power Company and 16 percent for Ohio Power Company over current revenues. After its review of each company's records and application, the staff of the Commission recommends the following for each company: Columbus Southern Power Company, a revenue decrease range between \$9,541,000 and \$2,302,000, or a decrease in total distribution revenue of -2.6 percent to -.6 percent over current revenue; and Ohio Power Company, a revenue increase range between \$23,220,000 and \$31,909,000, or an increase in total distribution revenue of 6.9 percent to 9.5 percent over current revenue. The local hearings are scheduled for the purpose of providing an opportunity for interested members of the public to testify in these proceedings. The local hearings will be held as follows:

- (a) Monday, October 17, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., at the Washington State Community College, Arts and Sciences Building, Harvey Graham Auditorium, Second Floor, 710 Colegate Drive, Marietta, Ohio 45750.
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The evidentiary hearing will commence on November 14, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, Hearing Room 11-A, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Public Utilities Commission of

Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793, viewing the Commission's web page at <http://www.puco.ohio.gov>, or contacting the Commission's hotline at 1-800-686-7826.

- (7) AEP-Ohio shall file proof of publication of the legal notice as required by Finding (6).

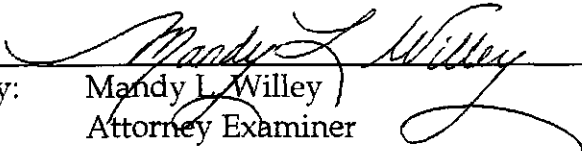
It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the local public hearings in these proceedings be held as set forth in Finding (5). It is, further,

ORDERED, That AEP-Ohio publish notice of the local public hearings as set forth in Findings (6) and (7). It is, further,

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

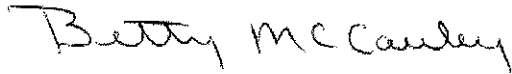
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