

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Fuel Adjustment)
Clause of Columbus Southern Power) Case No. 09-872-EL-FAC
Company and Ohio Power Company and) Case No. 09-873-EL-FAC
Related Matters for 2010.)

In the Matter of the Fuel Adjustment)
Clause of Columbus Southern Power) Case No. 10-268-EL-FAC
Company and Ohio Power Company and) Case No. 10-269-EL-FAC
Related Matters for 2010.)

In the Matter of the Fuel Adjustment)
Clause of Columbus Southern Power) Case No. 10-870-EL-FAC
Company and Ohio Power Company and) Case No. 10-871-EL-FAC
Related Matters for 2010.)

In the Matter of the Fuel Adjustment)
Clause of Columbus Southern Power) Case No. 10-1286-EL-FAC
Company and Ohio Power Company and) Case No. 10-1288-EL-FAC
Related Matters for 2010.)

ENTRY

The Attorney Examiner finds:

- (1) By Opinion and Order issued March 18, 2009, in Case Nos. 08-917-EL-SSO and 08-918-EL-SSO, *In re AEP-Ohio ESP cases* (ESP cases), the Commission approved the establishment of fuel adjustment clause (FAC) mechanisms, under which Columbus Southern Power Company (CSP) and Ohio Power Company (OP) (collectively AEP-Ohio or Companies) can recover prudently incurred costs associated with fuel, including consumables related to environmental compliance, purchased power costs, emission allowances, and costs associated with carbon-based taxes and other carbon-related regulations. The Commission affirmed the establishment of the FAC in its July 23, 2009, Entry on Rehearing in the ESP cases.
- (2) In the AEP-Ohio ESP cases, the Commission established an annual audit process to evaluate the accounting of the FAC costs and the prudence of FAC-related decisions.

- (3) By entry issued August 18, 2011, the procedural schedule in these matters was revised. As revised, the procedural schedule established October 17, 2011, for the prehearing conference and testimony due date and October 24, 2011, for the commencement of the hearing.
- (4) On October 13, 2011, all the parties in the proceedings, namely, the Companies, Commission Staff, the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy, Industrial Energy Users-Ohio, and Ohio Manufacturers' Association Energy Group (jointly Movants) filed a motion to continue the procedural schedule. The Movants state that there is a good possibility that the parties will be able to settle the issues raised in these proceedings and the additional time will facilitate further discussion. The parties agree to update the assigned Attorney Examiner as to the progress of their negotiations by November 10, 2011, and to provide a proposed procedural schedule if a full settlement can not be reached among the parties.
- (5) The Attorney Examiner finds that the Movants' motion to continue the procedural schedule is reasonable and should be granted. Accordingly, the due date for written testimony, the prehearing conference, and the hearing will be rescheduled, as necessary. The parties shall update the Attorney Examiner on the progress of their negotiations to resolve the issues in these cases by November 10, 2011.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the motion to amend the procedural schedule be granted, as set forth 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

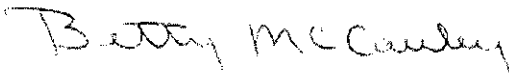


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