

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) Case No. 11-346-EL-SSO
Establish a Standard Service Offer Pursuant) Case No. 11-348-EL-SSO
to Section 4928.143, Revised Code, in the)
Form of an Electric Security Plan.)

In the Matter of the Application of)
Columbus Southern Power Company and) Case No. 11-349-EL-AAM
Ohio Power Company for Approval of) Case No. 11-350-EL-AAM
Certain Accounting Authority.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) Ohio Power Company (AEP-Ohio) is a public utility as defined in Section 4905.02, Revised Code, and, as such, is 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 was for an electric security plan in accordance with Section 4928.143, Revised Code.
- (3) On September 7, 2011, a Stipulation and Recommendation (Stipulation) was filed by AEP-Ohio, Staff, and other parties to resolve the issues raised in several cases pending before the Commission, including the above captioned cases.
- (4) On December 14, 2011, the Commission issued its Opinion and Order, adopting the Stipulation, with modifications.
- (5) In light of issues raised on rehearing, on February 23, 2012, the Commission determined in its Entry on Rehearing that the Stipulation, as a package, did not benefit ratepayers and the public interest and, thus, did not satisfy the three-part test for the consideration of stipulations. The Commission directed AEP-Ohio to file a notice within 30 days indicating whether it was prepared to proceed with its application, as filed, or whether it intended to modify or withdraw its application.

- (6) On March 5, 2012, AEP-Ohio filed a notice indicating that it intends to submit an application for a modified electric security plan by March 30, 2012.
- (7) On March 30, 2012, AEP-Ohio filed an application for a standard service offer pursuant to Section 4928.141, Revised Code. AEP-Ohio's application is for a modified electric security plan in accordance with Section 4928.143, Revised Code.
- (8) The attorney examiner notes that although it is the Commission's preference to resolve these proceedings by June 1, 2012, in light of the complexity of AEP-Ohio's application and the need to ensure due process for parties with real and substantial interests in these proceedings, the attorney examiner finds it appropriate to set the following procedural schedule:
 - (a) A technical conference should be scheduled to allow interested persons the opportunity to better understand AEP-Ohio's application. The conference will be held on April 9, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Hearing Room 11-B, Columbus, Ohio. To allow broader access to the technical conference, the conference will be webcast. Persons wishing to view the technical conference via the web should access the Commission's web site at www.puco.ohio.gov and click on Webcasts.
 - (b) Motions to intervene should be filed by April 20, 2012.
 - (c) Testimony on behalf of AEP-Ohio should be filed by April 27, 2012.
 - (d) Discovery requests, except for notices of deposition, should be served by May 4, 2012.
 - (e) Testimony on behalf of the intervenors and Commission Staff should be filed by May 4, 2012.
 - (f) A procedural conference shall be scheduled for May 7, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the

Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Hearing Room 11-A, Columbus, Ohio.

- (g) The evidentiary hearing shall commence on May 14, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Hearing Room 11-A, Columbus, Ohio.
- (h) Oral arguments before the Commission on AEP-Ohio's application shall commence following the Commission meeting on July 3, 2012, at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor, Columbus, Ohio. Additional information on the oral arguments will be provided by subsequent entry.
- (9) Local public hearings will be scheduled, and publication of notice required, by subsequent entry.
- (10) In light of the time frame for this proceeding, the attorney examiner requires that, in the event any motion is made in these proceedings, any memoranda contra shall be filed within five calendar days after the service of such motion, and a reply memorandum within three calendar days after the service of a memorandum contra. Parties shall provide service of pleadings via hand delivery, facsimile, or e-mail and shall provide such service to the attorney examiners, as well.
- (11) In addition, the attorney examiner finds that the response time for discovery shall be shortened to ten calendar days. Unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, discovery requests and replies shall be served by hand delivery, facsimile, or e-mail. An attorney serving a discovery request shall attempt to contact the attorney upon whom the discovery request will be served in advance to advise him/her that a request will be forthcoming.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the procedural schedule for this proceeding be adopted as set forth in Finding (8). It is, further,

ORDERED, That the parties comply with the directives set forth in findings (10) 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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