

BEFORE

THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In the Matter of the Application of)
Columbus Southern Power Company and)
Ohio Power Company for a Certificate of) Case No. 06-30-EL-BGN
Environmental Compatibility and Public)
Need to Construct an Electric Generation)
Facility in Meigs County, Ohio.)

In the Matter of the Application of)
Columbus Southern Power Company and)
Ohio Power Company for a Certificate of)
Environmental Compatibility and Public) Case No. 06-309-EL-BTX
Need to Construct a 345-Kilovolt)
Transmission Line Loop for the Great Bend)
Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle)
Facility.)

ENTRY

The Ohio Power Siting Board finds:

- (1) By opinion, order, and certificate (Certificate Order) issued on April 23, 2007, in Case No. 06-30-EL-BGN, the Ohio Power Siting Board (Board) approved a stipulation filed by Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company (jointly AEP-Ohio or Company)¹ and Board Staff (Staff) for a certificate to construct an integrated gasification combined-cycle (IGCC) electric generation facility (Great Bend) in Meigs County, Ohio, pursuant to Chapter 4906, Revised Code. The certificate to construct the facility was subject to 36 specific conditions, including the following condition:

That the certificate shall become invalid if AEP-Ohio has not commenced a continuous course of construction of the proposed facility within five

¹ The Board recognizes that, by entry issued on March 7, 2012, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) approved and confirmed the merger of Columbus Southern Power Company into Ohio Power Company, effective December 31, 2011, *In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company and Columbus Southern Power Company for Authority to Merge and Related Approvals*, Case No. 10-2376-EL-UNC.

years of the date of journalization of the certificate.

Therefore, pursuant to the Certificate Order, if AEP-Ohio has not commenced a continuous course of construction of the proposed Great Bend IGCC facility by April 23, 2012, the certificate to construct the electric generation facility becomes invalid under the authority and jurisdiction of the Board.

- (2) On February 14, 2006, in Case No. 06-309-EL-BTX, AEP-Ohio filed notice with the Board that the Company planned to file an application for a certificate to construct a 345-kilovolt transmission line to facilitate the Great Bend IGCC generation facility. To date, an application for the Great Bend transmission line has not been filed.
- (3) In a statement to the Commission in a related proceeding, AEP-Ohio admits that, as of June 29, 2011, the Company had not commenced a continuous course of construction on the Great Bend IGCC facility.²
- (4) On June 27, 2012, an entry was issued which provided that, in light of the fact that AEP-Ohio had likely not been engaged in a continuous course of construction on the proposed Great Bend IGCC facility, AEP-Ohio was given until July 13, 2012, to demonstrate that the Company has engaged in a continuous course of construction of the Great Bend facility or file an application requesting an extension of the certificate to construct the facility. AEP-Ohio was put on notice that, if the Company failed to file, it would be recommended to the Board that the Great Bend certificate be found invalid and these cases closed of record.
- (5) To date, AEP-Ohio has not filed any pleading or other documentation asserting that the Company has engaged in a continuous course of construction or a motion requesting an extension of the certificate to construct. It is a long-standing policy of the Board to include, as a condition of each certificate to construct, a provision which requires the applicant to

² See, Case No. 05-376-EL-UNC, *Statement of Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company*, filed June 29, 2011.

commence a continuous course of construction within the specified time period. The purpose of the condition is to encourage the efficient use of land and limit the applicant's ability to hold the rights to construct on the property indefinitely. Accordingly, AEP-Ohio's certificate to construct the Great Bend generation facility is invalid under the authority and jurisdiction of the Board.

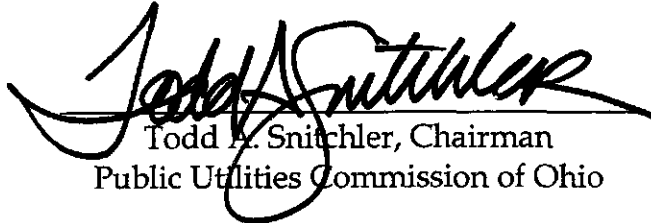
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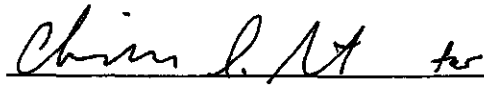
ORDERED, That AEP-Ohio's certificate to construct the Great Bend generation facility is invalid. It is, further,


ORDERED, That Case Nos. 06-30-EL-BGN and 06-309-EL-BTX be closed. It is, further,

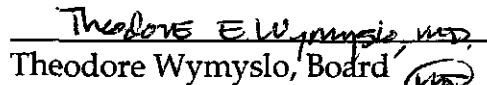
ORDERED, That this entry be served upon AEP-Ohio and all other parties of record.

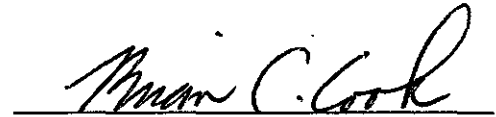
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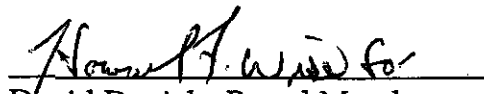

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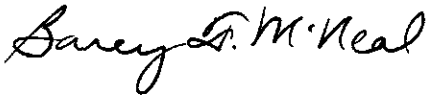

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