

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the :  
Annual Alternative Energy :  
Status & Compliance Report:  
Under Rule 4901:1-40-05, : Case No. 10-486-EL-ACP  
Ohio Administrative Code, :  
for Columbus Southern :  
Power Company :

In the Matter of the :  
Annual Alternative Energy :  
Statue & Compliance Report: Case No. 10-487-EL-ACP  
Under Rule 4901:1-40-05, :  
Ohio Administrative Code, :  
for Ohio Power Company :

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PROCEEDINGS

before Mr. Jonathan Tauber, Hearing Examiner, at the  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad  
Street, Room 11-D, Columbus, Ohio, called at  
9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 6, 2013.

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Wednesday Morning Session,  
February 6, 2013.

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EXAMINER TAUBER: The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has called for hearing, at this time and place, Case Nos. 10-486 and 10-487-EL-ACP being In the Matter of the Annual Alternative Energy Status and Compliance Report Under Rule 4901:1-40-05, Ohio Administrative Code, for the Columbus Southern Power Company and the Ohio Power Company.

My name is John Tauber. I'm the attorney examiner assigned by the Commission to preside over this morning's hearing.

Let's do brief appearances this morning. We'll start with Staff.

MR. BEELER: Thank you, your Honor. On behalf of the Staff, Ohio Attorney General Michael DeWine, Steven Beeler and Tom Lindgren, Assistant Attorneys General, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

EXAMINER TAUBER: Thank you.  
On behalf of the Company.

MR. NOURSE: Thank you, your Honor. On behalf of Ohio Power Company, Steven T. Nourse, One Riverside Plaza, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

1 EXAMINER TAUBER: Thank you.

2 Mr. Nourse, I understand a stipulation  
3 has been docketed.

4 MR. NOURSE: Yes, your Honor. We have  
5 entered into stipulation with the Staff, and at this  
6 time if I could mark, as Joint Exhibit 1, the  
7 stipulation that was docketed in this case on  
8 January 23rd.

9 EXAMINER TAUBER: The exhibit is so  
10 marked.

11 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

12 MR. NOURSE: And if it pleases your  
13 Honor, I would like to present a witness, Mr. William  
14 Castle, to support the stipulation being adopted.

15 EXAMINER TAUBER: Mr. Castle, please  
16 raise your right hand.

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18 WILLIAM CASTLE  
19 being first duly sworn, as prescribed by law, was  
20 examined and testified as follows:

21 DIRECT EXAMINATION

22 By Mr. Nourse:

23 Q. Okay. Mr. Castle, could you state your  
24 name and spell your name, please, for the record.

25 A. William Castle. W-i-l-l-i-a-m

1 C-a-s-t-l-e.

2 Q. And what is your position with AEP?

3 A. Director, DSM and Resource Planning.

4 Q. Okay. And your business address, sir?

5 A. One Riverside Plaza, Columbus, Ohio.

6 Q. Okay. And are you familiar with the  
7 Stipulation and Recommendation that was just marked  
8 as Joint Exhibit 1 in this case?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Okay. And so you've reviewed the  
11 stipulation terms and are familiar with them?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. And have you evaluated the stipulation in  
14 the context of the so-called three-part test for  
15 adoption of stipulation?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Okay. And I'd just like to briefly ask  
18 you about that, each of the three criteria for the  
19 test. Is it your understanding and opinion that the  
20 stipulation was a product of serious bargaining among  
21 capable and knowledgeable parties?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. And is it your understanding and opinion  
24 that the stipulation does not violate any important  
25 regulatory principle or practice?

1           A.    Yes.   Correct.

2           Q.    Okay.  And is it your understanding and  
3           opinion that the stipulation, as a package, benefits  
4           ratepayers and the public interest?

5           A.    Yes.

6                   MR. NOURSE:  Thank you, your Honor.  I  
7           don't know if you have any questions or if you'd like  
8           to get any additional explanation or testimony.

9                   EXAMINER TAUBER:  Mr. Beeler, does the  
10          Staff have any questions?

11                   MR. BEELER:  No questions, your Honor.

12                   EXAMINER TAUBER:  I just have a brief  
13          question, Mr. Castle.

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15                                   EXAMINATION

16          By Examiner Tauber:

17                   Q.    You said the settlement, as a package,  
18           benefits ratepayers and the public interest.  How  
19           does it benefit ratepayers and the public interest?

20                   A.    Well, the provision that allows for  
21           reducing baselines for economic growth, reduces the  
22           costs associated with compliance of these renewable  
23           benchmarks and we believe that's in the public  
24           interest.  So we don't want to disincentive for new  
25           economic growth by adding -- layering on costs.

1 EXAMINER TAUBER: Thank you. You may be  
2 excused.

3 MR. NOURSE: So I don't know if I moved  
4 for admission of Joint Exhibit 1, your Honor, but I  
5 would do so now.

6 EXAMINER TAUBER: Are there any  
7 objections to Joint Exhibit 1?

8 MR. BEELER: No, your Honor.

9 EXAMINER TAUBER: Hearing none, it shall  
10 be admitted into the record.

11 (EXHIBIT ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

12 EXAMINER TAUBER: Mr. Beeler.

13 MR. BEELER: Thank you, your Honor. At  
14 this time the Staff would like to have marked as  
15 Staff Exhibit 1, marked and moved into evidence,  
16 Findings and Recommendations of the PUCO Staff which  
17 was docketed on November 28th, 2012.

18 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

19 EXAMINER TAUBER: Are there any  
20 objections to Staff Exhibit 1, the staff review and  
21 recommendation docketed in November of 2012?

22 MR. NOURSE: No, your Honor.

23 EXAMINER TAUBER: Hearing none, it shall  
24 be admitted into the record.

25 (EXHIBIT ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)



1 MR. NOURSE: And you've got the other  
2 one, right? I think -- were there two? I think  
3 there were two because we had -- are you doing 487 as  
4 well?

5 Can we go off the record for a second?

6 EXAMINER TAUBER: Sure. Let's go off the  
7 record.

8 (Off the record.)

9 MR. BEELER: Thank you, your Honor. For  
10 clarification, Staff Exhibit 1 was the Staff Report  
11 filed in Case No. 10-486-EL-ACP.

12 And at this time the Staff would also  
13 like to have marked as Staff Exhibit 2, the Findings  
14 and Recommendations of the PUCO Staff filed in Case  
15 No. 10-487-EL-ACP, as well.

16 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

17 EXAMINER TAUBER: That was also docketed  
18 in November of 2012?

19 MR. BEELER: Yes, your Honor.

20 EXAMINER TAUBER: Are there any  
21 objections to Staff Exhibits 1 and 2?

22 MR. NOURSE: No, your Honor.

23 EXAMINER TAUBER: Hearing none, they  
24 shall be admitted into the record.

25 (EXHIBITS ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

1 EXAMINER TAUBER: Is there anything else  
2 to come before the Commission this morning?

3 MR. NOURSE: No, your Honor.

4 EXAMINER TAUBER: Hearing none, we are  
5 adjourned. Thank you.

6 (Thereupon, the proceedings concluded at  
7 9:06 a.m.)

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9 CERTIFICATE

10 I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a  
11 true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken  
12 by me in this matter on Wednesday, February 6, 2013,  
13 and carefully compared with my original stenographic  
14 notes.

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16 Carolyn M. Burke, Registered  
17 Professional Reporter, and  
Notary Public in and for the  
State of Ohio.

18 My commission expires July 17, 2013.

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