

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Ohio)
Power Company to Initiate Phase 2 of Its) Case No. 13-1939-EL-RDR
gridSMART Project and to Establish the)
gridSMART Phase 2 Rider.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio (AEP Ohio or the Company) is a public utility as defined in Section 4905.02, Revised Code, and an electric utility as defined in Section 4928.01(A)(11), Revised Code, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) On August 8, 2012, the Commission issued its opinion and order in Case No. 11-346-EL-SSO, et al., which approved, with certain modifications, AEP Ohio's application for a standard service offer in the form of an electric security plan (ESP), in accordance with Section 4928.143, Revised Code.¹ Among other provisions of the ESP, the Commission approved AEP Ohio's request to initiate Phase 2 of its gridSMART project. The Commission directed AEP Ohio to file its proposed expansion of the gridSMART project as part of a new gridSMART application to include sufficient detail on the proposed equipment and technology for the Commission to evaluate the demonstrated success, cost-effectiveness, customer acceptance, and feasibility of the proposed technology. The Commission further directed that any gridSMART investment beyond Phase 1 that is not subject to recovery through AEP Ohio's distribution investment rider should be recovered through a mechanism other than the current gridSMART rider, such as through a gridSMART Phase 2 rider. ESP Order at 62-63.

¹ *In the Matter of the Application of Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company for Authority to Establish a Standard Service Offer Pursuant to Section 4928.143, Revised Code, in the Form of an Electric Security Plan*, Case No. 11-346-EL-SSO, et al., Opinion and Order (August 8, 2012) (ESP Order).

- (3) On September 13, 2013, AEP Ohio filed an application to establish a gridSMART Phase 2 rider as the mechanism to recover any gridSMART project investment beyond Phase 1. The application provides AEP Ohio's proposed expansion of the gridSMART project, which would include Advanced Metering Infrastructure for approximately 894,000 customers, Distribution Automation Circuit Reconfiguration for approximately 250 priority circuits, and Volt/VAR Optimization for approximately 80 circuits. AEP Ohio proposes that the gridSMART Phase 2 rider take effect on January 1, 2014, and operate similarly to the Company's current gridSMART rider for Phase 1, with an annual true-up and reconciliation.
- (4) In order to assist the Commission in its review of AEP Ohio's gridSMART application, the attorney examiner finds that the following procedural schedule should be established:
- (a) October 25, 2013 - Deadline for the filing of motions to intervene.
 - (b) November 1, 2013 - Deadline for the filing of initial comments.
 - (c) November 18, 2013 - Deadline for the filing of reply comments.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the procedural schedule set forth in finding (4) be adopted. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon all parties and other interested persons of record in this case and all parties of record in Case No. 11-346-EL-SSO, et al.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

s/Sarah Parrot

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry orders the procedural schedule forth in Finding (4). -
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