

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of the)
Fuel Adjustment Clauses for Columbus) Case No. 11-5906-EL-FAC
Southern Power Company and Ohio)
Power Company and Related Matters.)

In the Matter of the Fuel Adjustment)
Clauses for Columbus Southern Power) Case No. 12-3133-EL-FAC
Company and Ohio Power Company.)

In the Matter of the Fuel Adjustment) Case No. 13-572-EL-FAC
Clauses for Ohio Power Company.)

In the Matter of the Fuel Adjustment) Case No. 13-1286-EL-FAC
Clauses for Ohio Power Company.)

In the Matter of the Fuel Adjustment) Case No. 13-1892-EL-FAC
Clauses for Ohio Power Company.)

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 R.C. 4905.02 and an electric utility as defined in R.C. 4928.01(A)(11), and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) In Case No. 11-346-EL-SSO, et al., the Commission modified and approved, pursuant to R.C. 4928.143, AEP Ohio's application for an electric security plan, including a fuel adjustment clause (FAC) mechanism under which the Company is intended to recover prudently incurred fuel and fuel-related costs. *In re Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company*, Case No. 11-346-EL-SSO, et al., Opinion and Order (Aug. 8, 2012) at 18. In addition, a new alternative energy rider was established to enable AEP Ohio to recover alternative energy costs, which were previously

recovered through the FAC. Annual audits are to be performed of AEP Ohio's fuel costs, fuel management practices, and alternative energy costs.

- (3) On December 4, 2013, in the above-captioned proceedings, the Commission selected Energy Ventures Analysis, Inc. (EVA) to perform the annual audit of AEP Ohio's fuel and alternative energy costs for the 2012, 2013, and 2014 audit periods. The Commission directed that EVA shall submit its draft audit report to Staff by April 2, 2014, and shall file the final audit report by April 18, 2014.
- (4) On March 14, 2014, Staff filed a motion for extension, requesting that the deadlines for EVA's audit report be extended. Specifically, Staff proposes that EVA's draft audit report be submitted to Staff by April 23, 2014, while the final audit report would be filed by May 9, 2014. Staff explains that, because the audit covers multiple years, EVA has found that additional time is necessary to perform a full examination. Staff notes that a three-week extension will enable EVA to complete its work and provide the Commission with the information needed to resolve these proceedings. Staff adds that the requested extension will not prejudice any party.
- (5) The attorney examiner finds that Staff's motion for an extension is reasonable and should be granted. In light of EVA's approaching deadline for submission of the draft audit report, and because an expedited ruling on Staff's motion will not adversely affect a substantial right of any party, the attorney examiner also finds that the motion should be granted on an expedited basis, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-12(F). Accordingly, EVA shall submit its draft audit report to Staff by April 23, 2014, and shall file the final audit report by May 9, 2014.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Staff's motion for extension be granted in accordance with 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

s/Sarah Parrot

By: Sarah J. Parrot
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry grants Staff's motion for an extension in accordance with finding (5). - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Sarah Parrot, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio