

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the :
Application of Ohio Power :
Company for Authority to :
Establish a Standard : Case No. 13-2385-EL-SSO
Service Offer Pursuant to :
R.C. 4928.143, in the Form :
of an Electric Security :
Plan, :

In the Matter of the :
Application of Ohio Power : Case No. 13-2386-EL-AAM
Company for Approval of :
Certain Accounting :
Authority. :
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PROCEEDINGS

Before Commissioner M. Beth Trombold, Sarah J. Parrot
and Greta See, Attorney Examiners, held at the Wolfe
Park Shelter House, 105 Park Drive, Columbus, Ohio, on
Tuesday, April 29, 2014, at 6:05 p.m.

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1 Tuesday Evening Session,
2 April 29, 2014.

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4 MS. SEE: It's a little after 6:00, so
5 let's get started. My name is Greta See. I am an
6 Attorney Examiner with the Commission's legal
7 department. Joining me this evening are Commissioner
8 Trombold, and my colleague in the legal department,
9 Sarah Parrot.

10 Scheduled for hearing at this time before
11 the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio is Case No.
12 13-2385-EL-SSO, which is entitled In The Matter of the
13 Application of Ohio Power Company for Authority to
14 Establish Standard Service Offer Pursuant to Revised
15 Code Section 4928.143 in the Form of an Electric
16 Security Plan, and Case No. 13-2386-EL-AAM, captioned
17 In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company
18 for Approval of Certain Accounting Authority.

19 As I noted before, joining us this evening
20 is Commissioner Trombold. Commission Trombold.

21 COMMISSIONER TROMBOLD: Thank you. Good
22 afternoon or good evening, everyone. Thanks for coming
23 on this beautiful day. I just wanted to let you know
24 that the commission is attending -- commissioners are
25 attending the public hearings that are being held in

1 the AEP service territory in a listening capacity and
2 we are very interested in the views of the public on
3 this case, and I look forward to hearing testimony and
4 hearing from you and your thoughts tonight. Thank you.

5 MS. SEE: In addition, there are other
6 personnel from the Commission representing the
7 Department of Public Affairs and Service Monitoring and
8 Enforcement Department. There are Tammy Mitchell
9 that's at the back who greeted you when you came into
10 the venue and also Sara Ziegler and Erin MacLellan that
11 are also at the back of the room. They're here and
12 available if you have questions on how the Commission
13 will process this case or if you have a question for
14 the Commission on other utility matters.

15 At this time, I'd like to take appearances
16 of the parties, starting with the Company.

17 MR. NOURSE: Thank you, your Honor. My
18 name is Steve Nourse. I'm here for the Ohio Power
19 Company. I'm an attorney. Would you like me to
20 introduce the other AEP folks that are here?

21 MS. SEE: Would you, please?

22 MR. NOURSE: I'll let them each stand up
23 and introduce themselves.

24 MR. SPITZNOGLE: I'm Gary Spitznogle with
25 AEP Ohio. I'm with Regulatory Compliance.

1 MS. SHUMATE: Renee' Shumate. I'm in
2 Community Affairs for Central Ohio.

3 MR. RENNIE: Jeff Rennie, AEP for Ohio
4 Corporate Communications.

5 MS. WHITE: Fay White, AEP Ohio, Corporate
6 Communications.

7 MS. JOSEPH: Maxine Joseph, customer
8 service rep with AEP Ohio.

9 MS. SEE: There's also counsel here for a
10 number of the interveners that are filed for
11 intervention in the case. For Ohio's Consumers'
12 Counsel?

13 MS. GRADY: Thank you, your Honor. On
14 behalf of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel representing the
15 residential customers of AEP Ohio, I'm Maureen R.
16 Grady, with Consumers' Counsel, Mr. Bruce J. Weston.

17 MS. SEE: Is there counsel for any of the
18 other interveners at the hearing tonight? Let the
19 record reflect there are no counsel for the other
20 parties present.

21 I note that there are approximately 30
22 interveners in the case representing, as Ms. Grady
23 indicated, residential customers, commercial customers,
24 industrial customers and other consumer advocate
25 organizations. Each of these parties represents the

1 various constituents before the Commission.

2 In this case, on December 20th, 2013, Ohio
3 Power Company filed its application with the
4 Commission to establish a standard of service offer in
5 the form of an electric security plan, or what we refer
6 to as an ESP, for the plan to be in effect from June,
7 2015 through May, 2018. There have been five local
8 public hearings scheduled. This is the first. They
9 will be held in Lima. There will be one in the
10 afternoon here in Columbus. There is one scheduled to
11 take place in Canton, Ohio, and one in Marietta, Ohio.

12 The purpose of this evening's hearing is to
13 receive comments from the public regarding Ohio Power
14 Company's application in this case. It's not a
15 question and answer session. So if you have a question
16 about the application, I would recommend that you
17 approach some of the personnel from AEP that have
18 indicated that they're here to assist you this
19 evening.

20 Tonight's hearing is being transcribed by a
21 court reporter. If you plan to testify, please speak
22 clearly so that the court reporter can accurately
23 reflect your comments on the record. Also, if you have
24 a prepared written statement, it would be helpful if
25 you provide that statement to the court reporter.

1 When you arrived, you were offered the
2 opportunity to sign up to offer testimony. After I
3 finish my introduction, I'll begin calling the
4 witnesses that have signed up to offer testimony. I
5 chuckle, because only one person has said that they
6 want to offer testimony tonight.

7 After I finish the introduction, I'll be
8 calling the witness forward. I will ask each witness
9 to come up to the table, face the court reporter.
10 Before you give your comments, I'll ask you to state
11 and spell your name for the record. Before you present
12 your testimony, I will ask you to take an oath or
13 affirmation that what you're about to state is true.
14 Your testimony will be considered part of the record,
15 and it will be reviewed by the Commission before a
16 final decision is made on the application.
17 Additionally, counsel for the intervening parties and I
18 will be permitted to ask you questions about your
19 statement.

20 Should you decide that you do not want to
21 testify when I call your name, you can simply indicate
22 that you pass.

23 Also, once you finish testifying, if you
24 are just here to observe, you may leave at any time.
25 The Commission appreciates you taking time out of your

1 beautiful, sunny Tuesday afternoon to come to the
2 hearing.

3 At this time I have one witness listed,
4 Harlan Schottenstein.

5 MS. SEE: Would you please raise your right
6 hand?

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8 HARLAN SCHOTTENSTEIN

9 being first duly sworn, as prescribed by law, examined
10 and testified as follows:

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12 MS. SEE: Please state and spell your name
13 for the record.

14 MR. SCHOTTENSTEIN: Harlan, H-a-r-l-a-n,
15 Schottenstein, S-c-h-o-t-t-e-n-s-t-e-i-n.

16 MS. SEE: Go ahead with your comments,
17 Mr. Schottenstein.

18 MR. SCHOTTENSTEIN: So I'm with the --
19 president of the Discovery District City Association,
20 and we have been participating this year with the AEP
21 Energy Challenge Program to help customers, residential
22 and business customers, find ways of saving money
23 through sustainability. And I just appreciate the
24 opportunity of working with AEP and the community,
25 people in the community to find ways of saving money

1 through some fairly simple kinds of things and
2 increasing awareness about ways of saving money and
3 saving energy.

4 MS. SEE: Any cross-examination of this
5 witness?

6 MS. GRADY: No.

7 MR. NOURSE: No.

8 MS. SEE: Does that conclude your comments,
9 Mr. Schottenstein?

10 MR. SCHOTTENSTEIN: I just like working
11 with the people. They've been very helpful and, you
12 know, I'd like to see programs like this continue.

13 MS. SEE: Okay.

14 MR. SCHOTTENSTEIN: Thank you.

15 MS. SEE: Thank you very much. Is there
16 anyone else present that wishes to offer testimony this
17 evening? Okay. We will take a brief recess to see if
18 anyone else appears that wishes to offer testimony
19 tonight. We'll reconvene at 6:30.

20 (Off the record - recess)

21 MS. SEE: It's 6:30. Back on the record.
22 Is there anyone present that wishes to offer testimony
23 this evening? Seeing that no one else wishes to offer
24 testimony this evening, the hearing is adjourned. We
25 appreciate your time.

1 CERTIFICATE

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6 I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a
7 true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by
8 me in this matter on April 29, 2014, and carefully
9 compared with my original stenographic notes.
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16 CATHERINE PASSMORE
17 Certified Shorthand Reporter and
18 Notary Public in and for the
19 State of Ohio

20 My commission expires July 23, 2018
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