

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Ohio )  
Power Company to Update Its ) Case No. 14-192-EL-RDR  
gridSMART Rider Rates. )

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). As such, AEP Ohio is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) By Opinion and Order issued March 18, 2009, the Commission approved with certain modifications, AEP Ohio's application for a standard service offer (SSO), in the form of an electric security plan (ESP) pursuant to R.C. 4928.143. *In re Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company*, Case No. 08-917-EL-SSO, et al. (*ESP 1 Case*), Opinion and Order (Mar. 18, 2009). In the *ESP 1 Case*, the Commission approved, among other provisions, the Company's request to initiate a gridSMART pilot program and recovery rider, gridSMART Phase 1. *ESP 1 Case*, Opinion and Order (Mar. 18, 2009) at 37-38.
- (3) On August 8, 2012, the Commission issued its Opinion and Order approving with certain modifications, AEP Ohio's second application for a SSO in the form of an ESP, in accordance with R.C. 4928.143. *In re Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company*, Case No. 11-346-EL-SSO, et al. (*ESP 2 Case*), Opinion and Order (Aug. 8, 2012). Among the approved provisions of the *ESP 2 Case*, the Commission continued the gridSMART program and granted the Company's request to initiate Phase 2 of its gridSMART project. *ESP 2 Case*, Opinion and Order (Aug. 8, 2012) at 62-63.
- (4) On February 3, 2014, AEP Ohio filed an application to update its gridSMART rider mechanisms. The application reflects actual gridSMART project spending and revenue recovery

during 2013, as well as projected costs, and revenue requirements for 2014.

- (5) On March 10, 2014, Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) filed a motion to intervene and memorandum in support. No memorandum contra was filed in response to OCC's motion to intervene.
- (6) On September 15, 2014, Staff filed comments on AEP Ohio's application to update the gridSMART mechanism, to which AEP Ohio filed reply comments on October 22, 2014.
- (7) 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) January 6, 2015 - Deadline for the filing of motions to intervene.
  - (b) January 6, 2015 - Deadline for the filing of initial comments.
  - (c) January 20, 2015 - Deadline for the filing of reply comments.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the procedural schedule set forth in Finding (7) 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/Greta See

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By: Greta See  
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry that the procedural schedule set forth in Finding (7) be adopted; electronically filed by Debra Hight on behalf of Greta See, Attorney Examiner.