

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of )  
Columbus Southern Power Company and )  
Ohio Power Company for Authority to )  
Recover Costs Associated with the Ultimate ) Case No. 05-376-EL-UNC  
Construction and Operation of an )  
Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle )  
Electric Generation Facility. )

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) On March 18, 2005, Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company (jointly AEP-Ohio)<sup>1</sup> filed an application with the Commission for authority to recover \$23.7 million associated with the cost to design, construct, and operate an integrated gasification combined cycle (IGCC) electric generation facility to be built in Meigs County, Ohio (Great Bend Facility). The Commission issued its Opinion and Order approving AEP-Ohio's application to establish a mechanism to recover Phase 1 costs related to the design and construction of the Great Bend Facility on the premise that the IGCC facility was necessary for AEP-Ohio to fulfill its obligation as the provider of last resort. *In re AEP-Ohio*, Case No. 05-376-EL-UNC (*Great Bend Case*), Opinion and Order (Apr. 10, 2006); Entry on Rehearing (June 28, 2006).
- (2) Several intervenors appealed the Commission's decision in the *Great Bend Case* to the Ohio Supreme Court. By decision issued March 13, 2008, the Court affirmed, in part, reversed, in part, and remanded the *Great Bend Case* to the Commission. *Indus. Energy Users – Ohio v. Pub. Util. Comm.*, 117 Ohio St.3d 486, 2008-Ohio-990.

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<sup>1</sup> By Entry issued March 7, 2012, the Commission approved and confirmed the merger of Columbus Southern Power Company into Ohio Power Company, effective December 31, 2011. *In re Ohio Power Company and Columbus Southern Power Company for Authority to Merge and Related Approvals*, Case No. 10-2376-EL-UNC, Entry (March 7, 2012) at 3, 12.

- (3) On July 30, 2012, the Ohio Power Siting Board issued an Entry invalidating AEP Ohio's certificate to construct the Great Bend Facility. *In re AEP Ohio*, Case Nos. 06-30-EL-BGN and 06-309-EL-BTX, Entry (July 30, 2012).
- (4) Pursuant to Entry issued on August 11, 2014, in the *Great Bend Case*, a procedural schedule was established to address the issues raised on remand. The August 11, 2014 Entry scheduled a hearing to commence on December 8, 2014.
- (5) On December 8, 2014, the hearing was called, as scheduled, and continued, to allow the parties to continue settlement discussions.
- (6) On December 22, 2014, the parties filed a Joint Stipulation and Recommendation purportedly resolving all the issues raised on remand.
- (7) The hearing shall reconvene to take testimony on the Stipulation, on January 20, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, Hearing Room 11-D, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the hearing in this matter reconvene on January 20, 2015, as discussed in Finding (7). It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all interested persons of record.

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 hearing in this matter reconvene on January 20, 2015, as discussed in Finding (7); electronically filed by Debra Hight on behalf of Greta See, Attorney Examiner.