

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the 2014 Review of the)
Distribution Investment Rider Contained in) Case No. 15-66-EL-RDR
the Tariff of Ohio Power Company.)

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio (AEP Ohio) is an electric distribution utility as defined in R.C. 4928.01(A)(6) and a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) R.C. 4928.141 provides that an electric distribution utility shall provide consumers within its certified territory a standard service offer (SSO) of all competitive retail electric services necessary to maintain essential electric services to customers, including a firm supply of electric generation services. The SSO may be either a market rate offer in accordance with R.C. 4928.142 or an electric security plan (ESP) in accordance with R.C. 4928.143.
- (3) 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 ESP, to be effective with the first billing cycle of September 2012 through May 31, 2015. *In re Columbus Southern Power Co. and Ohio Power Co.*, Case No. 11-346-EL-SSO, et al., Opinion and Order (Aug. 8, 2012). Among other provisions of the ESP, the Commission modified and approved AEP Ohio's proposed distribution investment rider (DIR) to allow for the recovery of capital costs for distribution infrastructure investments in order to facilitate improved service reliability. The Commission required that the DIR be reviewed annually for accounting accuracy, prudence, and compliance with the DIR plan developed by Staff and AEP Ohio.
- (4) On March 18, 2015, in the above-captioned proceeding, the Commission selected Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP (Baker Tilly) to perform the annual audit of AEP Ohio's DIR for 2014.

The Commission directed that Baker Tilly file its final audit report by June 18, 2015.

- (5) On May 29, 2015, Staff filed a motion for extension, requesting that the deadline for Baker Tilly's final audit report be extended. Specifically, Staff proposes that Baker Tilly's final audit report be filed by August 6, 2015. Staff explains that additional time is needed to complete the review of the DIR, in light of Baker Tilly's and Staff's present workloads and summer schedules. Staff adds that AEP Ohio does not object to the requested extension. No memoranda contra Staff's motion for extension were filed.
- (6) The attorney examiner finds that Staff's motion for extension is reasonable and should be granted. Accordingly, Baker Tilly shall file its final audit report by August 6, 2015.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Staff's motion for extension be granted in accordance with finding (6). 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 J. Parrot

By: Sarah J. Parrot
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry granting Staff's motion for extension in accordance with Finding (6); electronically filed by Vesta R Miller on behalf of Sarah J. Parrot, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio