

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the 2014 Review of the)
Distribution Investment Rider Contained) Case No. 15-66-EL-RDR
in 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.
- (5) On August 6, 2015, Baker Tilly filed its compliance audit report. On that same date, Staff filed comments addressing AEP Ohio's progress in implementing its DIR programs in 2014.
- (6) In order to assist the Commission in its annual review of AEP Ohio's DIR, the attorney examiner finds that the following procedural schedule should be established:
 - (a) December 3, 2015 – Deadline for the filing of motions to intervene.
 - (b) December 10, 2015 – Deadline for the filing of initial comments in response to (1) Baker Tilly's compliance audit report; and (2) Staff's comments on AEP Ohio's progress with respect to DIR program implementation.
 - (c) December 28, 2015 – Deadline for the filing of reply comments.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the procedural schedule set forth in finding (6) 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/Sarah Parrot

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry setting a procedural schedule in accordance with Finding (6). - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Sarah Parrot, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio