

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
OHIO POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL
OF AN ADVANCED METER OPT-OUT
SERVICE TARIFF

CASE NO. 14-1158-EL-ATA

ENTRY ON REHEARING

Entered in the Journal on June 15, 2016

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} In this Entry on Rehearing, the Commission grants the applications for rehearing filed by AEP Ohio and the Ohio Consumers' Counsel for the limited purpose of further consideration of the matters specified in the applications for rehearing.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Ohio Power Company (AEP Ohio) is a public utility as defined in R.C. 4905.02 and an electric utility as defined in R.C. 4928.01(A)(11) and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 3} On May 19, 2014, AEP Ohio filed an application in this case for approval of advanced meter opt-out service tariffs proposed by AEP Ohio pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-10-05(J). AEP Ohio's proposed advanced meter opt-out service tariffs would provide customers who are scheduled to receive an advanced meter with the option to retain their traditional meter. Additionally, AEP Ohio's proposed tariffs would provide customers who currently have an advanced meter with the option to have it replaced with a traditional meter.

{¶ 4} Thereafter, on March 23, 2015, a stipulation and recommendation signed by Staff and AEP Ohio was filed in this case. However, the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) and Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy (OPAE) were not signatory parties to the stipulation.

{¶ 5} On April 27, 2016, the Commission issued its Opinion and Order in this case finding that the stipulation, as modified by the Commission, was reasonable and should be approved. Accordingly, the Commission found that AEP Ohio could implement a one-time charge of \$43.00 and a monthly charge of \$24.00 for advanced meter opt-out service once AEP Ohio implements a mechanism to return the benefits of its GridSmart program to customers.

{¶ 6} R.C. 4903.10 states that any party who has entered an appearance in a Commission proceeding may apply for rehearing with respect to any matters determined in that proceeding, by filing an application within 30 days after the entry of the order upon the journal of the Commission.

{¶ 7} On May 27, 2016, AEP Ohio and OCC filed applications for rehearing in this case. Thereafter, on June 6, 2016, memoranda contra the applications for rehearing were filed by AEP Ohio, OCC, and OP&E.

{¶ 8} The Commission finds that the applications for rehearing filed by AEP Ohio and OCC should be granted for the limited purpose of further consideration of the matters specified in the applications for rehearing. We find that sufficient reason has been set forth by AEP Ohio and OCC to warrant further consideration of the matters raised in the applications for rehearing.

III. ORDER

{¶ 9} It is, therefore,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That the applications for rehearing filed by AEP Ohio and OCC be granted for further consideration of the matters specified in the applications for rehearing. It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry on Rehearing be served upon each party of record.

Commissioners Voting: Asim Z. Haque, Chairman; M. Beth Trombold;
Thomas W. Johnson

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