

**THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF OHIO POWER COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH A STANDARD SERVICE OFFER PURSUANT TO R.C. 4928.143, IN THE FORM OF AN ELECTRIC SECURITY PLAN.**

**CASE NO. 13-2385-EL-SSO**

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**CASE NO. 16-1852-EL-SSO**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF OHIO POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF CERTAIN ACCOUNTING AUTHORITY.**

**CASE NO. 16-1853-EL-AAM**

**ENTRY**

Entered in the Journal on September 7, 2016

{¶ 1} Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio (AEP Ohio or Company) 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} On December 20, 2013, in Case No. 13-2385-EL-SSO, et al., AEP Ohio filed an application for an SSO, in the form of an ESP. By Opinion and Order issued on February 25, 2015, the Commission modified and approved the Company's application for an ESP to commence on June 1, 2015, and continue through May 31, 2018 (ESP 3). *In re Ohio Power Co.*, Case No. 13-2385-EL-SSO, et al. (*ESP 3 Case*), Opinion and Order (Feb. 25, 2015); Second Entry on Rehearing (May 28, 2015). As part of the *ESP 3 Case*, the Commission authorized AEP Ohio to establish the power purchase agreement (PPA) rider, at an initial rate of zero, and required that the Company justify any future request for cost recovery in a separate proceeding. *ESP 3 Case*, Opinion and Order (Feb. 25, 2015) at 25-26; Second Entry on Rehearing (May 28, 2015) at 4-6.

{¶ 4} On October 3, 2014, in Case No. 14-1693-EL-RDR, et al. (*PPA Case*), AEP Ohio filed an application seeking approval of a proposal to enter into a new affiliate PPA with AEP Generation Resources, Inc. (AEPGR). Following the issuance of the Commission's Opinion and Order in the *ESP 3 Case*, on May 15, 2015, AEP Ohio filed an amended application and supporting testimony, to supersede and replace the Company's application filed on October 3, 2014. In the amended PPA application, AEP Ohio again sought Commission approval to enter into a new affiliate PPA with AEPGR and also requested authority to include the net impacts of both the affiliate PPA and the Company's Ohio Valley Electric Corporation contractual entitlement in the established PPA rider approved in the *ESP 3 Case*.

{¶ 5} On December 14, 2015, after the evidentiary hearing in the *PPA Case* concluded, a joint stipulation and recommendation (PPA stipulation) was filed by AEP Ohio, Staff, and several other parties. Among the provisions of the PPA stipulation, AEP Ohio agreed to file a separate application with the Commission to, along with other proposals, extend the term of ESP 3 to coincide with the term of the affiliate PPA, through May 31, 2024.

{¶ 6} On March 31, 2016, the Commission adopted, with certain modifications, the PPA stipulation. *In re Ohio Power Co.*, Case No. 14-1693-EL-RDR, et al., Opinion and Order (Mar. 31, 2016),

{¶ 7} On May 13, 2016, in the *ESP 3 Case*, AEP Ohio filed an application and supporting testimony to amend its ESP to, among other things, extend the term through May 31, 2024.

{¶ 8} The attorney examiner finds that, in order to avoid an unnecessarily extensive and potentially confusing record in the *ESP 3 Case* and to eliminate possible confusion for customers, AEP Ohio should refile its application to extend ESP 3, consistent with the approved PPA stipulation, in a separate docket, Case Nos. 16-1852-EL-SSO and 16-1853-EL-AAM, by September 21, 2016.

{¶ 9} It is, therefore,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That AEP Ohio refile its ESP application and supporting testimony filed on May 13, 2016, in Case Nos. 16-1852-EL-SSO and 16-1853-EL-AAM, by September 21, 2016. It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all interested persons and parties of record.

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*/s/ Greta See*

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry ordering AEP Ohio to refile its ESP application and supporting testimony filed on May 13, 2016, in Case Nos. 16-1852-EL-SSO and 16-1853-EL-AAM, by September 21, 2016. Entry electronically filed by Debra Hight on behalf of Greta See, Attorney Examiner.