

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
THE FUEL ADJUSTMENT CLAUSES FOR
COLUMBUS SOUTHERN POWER COMPANY
AND OHIO POWER COMPANY AND
RELATED MATTERS.

CASE No. 11-5906-EL-FAC

IN THE MATTER OF THE FUEL
ADJUSTMENT CLAUSES FOR COLUMBUS
SOUTHERN POWER COMPANY AND OHIO
POWER COMPANY.

CASE No. 12-3133-EL-FAC

IN THE MATTER OF THE FUEL
ADJUSTMENT CLAUSES FOR OHIO POWER
COMPANY.

CASE No. 13-572-EL-FAC

IN THE MATTER OF THE FUEL
ADJUSTMENT CLAUSES FOR OHIO POWER
COMPANY.

CASE No. 13-1286-EL-FAC

IN THE MATTER OF THE FUEL
ADJUSTMENT CLAUSES FOR OHIO POWER
COMPANY.

CASE No. 13-1892-EL-FAC

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on December 19, 2016

{¶ 1} Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio (AEP Ohio or the Company)¹ is an electric light company as defined in R.C. 4905.03 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

¹ On March 7, 2012, the Commission approved and confirmed the merger of Columbus Southern Power Company into Ohio Power Company. *In re Ohio Power Co. and Columbus Southern Power Co.*, Case No. 10-2376-EL-UNC, Entry (Mar. 7, 2012).

rate offer in accordance with R.C. 4928.142 or an electric security plan (ESP) in accordance with R.C. 4928.143.

{¶ 3} On August 8, 2012, the Commission issued its Opinion and Order in Case No. 11-346-EL-SSO, et al., which approved, with certain modifications, AEP Ohio's application for an ESP, in accordance with R.C. 4928.143. *In re Columbus Southern Power Co. and Ohio Power Co.*, Case No. 11-346-EL-SSO, et al. (*ESP 2 Case*), Opinion and Order (Aug. 8, 2012). Among other provisions of the ESP, the Commission approved AEP Ohio's fuel adjustment clause (FAC) mechanism under which the Company is intended to recover prudently incurred fuel and fuel-related costs. *ESP 2 Case* at 18. In addition, a new alternative energy rider (AER) was established to enable AEP Ohio to recover alternative energy costs, which were previously recovered through the FAC. Annual audits are to be performed of AEP Ohio's fuel costs, fuel management practices, and alternative energy costs.

{¶ 4} By Entries issued on December 4, 2013, and May 21, 2014, the Commission selected the auditors to review AEP Ohio's fuel and alternative energy costs and to investigate the recovery of certain capacity-related costs in the above-captioned cases (FAC Cases).

{¶ 5} Most recently, by Entry issued August 29, 2016, a procedural schedule was established to assist the Commission in its review of the audit reports in the FAC Cases, which includes an evidentiary hearing scheduled to commence on January 24, 2017.

{¶ 6} On December 16, 2016, AEP Ohio filed a motion for a continuance and a request for an expedited ruling. AEP Ohio states the parties have been engaged in settlement discussions that, if successful, would resolve the issues in the FAC Cases. Therefore, AEP Ohio requests an indefinite suspension of the procedural schedule pending the outcome of settlement discussions. Further, AEP Ohio states that the

Company contacted the parties regarding the motion and is not aware of any opposition to the motion.

{¶ 7} The attorney examiner finds AEP Ohio's motion to suspend the procedural schedule in light of settlement discussions, is reasonable and should be granted.

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That AEP Ohio's motion to suspend the procedural schedule pending the outcome of settlement discussions be granted. It is, further,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

/s/Greta See

By: Greta See
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry granting AEP Ohio's motion to suspend the procedural schedule pending the outcome of settlement discussions; electronically filed by Vesta R Miller on behalf of Greta See, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio