

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF OHIO POWER COMPANY TO UPDATE
ITS GRIDSMART RIDER RATES.

CASE NO. 15-240-EL-RDR

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CASE NO. 15-1513-EL-RDR

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on February 9, 2017

{¶ 1} Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio (AEP Ohio or the 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 August 8, 2012, the Commission approved, with certain modifications, AEP Ohio's application for an ESP, 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. (*ESP Case*), Opinion and Order (Aug. 8, 2012). Among other provisions of the ESP, the Commission approved AEP Ohio's request to continue its gridSMART rider, which enables the Company to recover its prudently incurred costs associated with the gridSMART Phase 1 project and is subject to an annual true-up and reconciliation. *ESP Case* at 62-63.

{¶ 4} On February 2, 2015, in Case No. 15-240-EL-RDR, AEP Ohio filed an application to update its gridSMART rider for Phase 1 costs. The application reflects actual gridSMART project spending and revenue recovery during 2014 and projected spending and revenue requirements through 2015.

{¶ 5} On August 28, 2015, in Case No. 15-1513-EL-RDR, AEP Ohio filed its final application to update its gridSMART rider for Phase 1 costs. The application reflects actual gridSMART project spending and revenue recovery from January through May 2015. AEP Ohio filed corrected schedules on October 28, 2015.

{¶ 6} On January 21, 2016, Staff filed its review and recommendations in response to AEP Ohio's applications. AEP Ohio filed reply comments on April 19, 2016. Staff filed an updated review and recommendations on June 20, 2016.

{¶ 7} In order to assist the Commission in its review of AEP Ohio's applications to update its gridSMART rider for Phase 1 costs, the attorney examiner finds that the following procedural schedule should be established:

- (a) March 6, 2017 – Deadline for the filing of motions to intervene.
- (b) March 6, 2017 – Deadline for the filing of initial comments.
- (c) March 20, 2017 – Deadline for the filing of reply comments.

{¶ 8} It is, therefore,

{¶ 9} ORDERED, That the procedural schedule set forth in Paragraph 7 be adopted. It is, further,

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

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s/Sarah Parrot

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry setting forth a procedural schedule in accordance with Paragraph 7. - electronically filed by Sandra Coffey on behalf of Sarah Parrot, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio