

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Review of the)	Case No. 14-0255-EL-RDR
Distribution Investment Rider Contained)	Case No. 15-0066-EL-RDR
in the Tariffs of Ohio Power Company.)	Case No. 16-0021-EL-RDR

**UNOPPOSED MOTION OF OHIO POWER COMPANY FOR EXTENSION OF
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND CONTINUANCE OF HEARING
AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED RULING**

Pursuant to Rules 4901-1-12 and 4901-1-13 of the Ohio Administrative Code, Ohio Power Company ("AEP Ohio") respectfully moves for a short, approximately one-week extension of the procedural schedule in these cases and a like continuance of the evidentiary hearing presently scheduled to begin November 20, 2017. The requested extension and continuance will allow the parties to the above-captioned proceedings to continue settlement negotiations, which may resolve one or more issues in this case between some or all of the parties.

Because AEP Ohio's direct testimony is presently due November 1, 2017, AEP Ohio respectfully requests expedited ruling on this motion pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-12(C) and certifies both that no party objects to the issuance of an immediate ruling or to the requested extension and continuance. The grounds for this motion are set forth more fully in the accompanying memorandum in support.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

Pursuant to Rules 4901-1-12 and 4901-1-13 of the Ohio Administrative Code, Ohio Power Company (“AEP Ohio”) respectfully moves for a short, approximately one-week extension of the procedural schedule in this proceeding and a like continuance of the evidentiary hearing presently scheduled to begin November 20, 2017. Because the deadline for AEP Ohio’s direct testimony is November 1, 2017, AEP Ohio also requests an expedited ruling in this matter pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-12(C).

On June 29, 2017, the Attorney Examiner issued an Entry establishing the following procedural schedule in these proceedings:

- November 1, 2017 – Deadline for AEP Ohio to file testimony
- November 9, 2017 – Deadline for intervenors to file testimony
- November 15, 2017 – Deadline for Staff to file testimony
- November 20, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. – Evidentiary hearing commences

Entry at ¶ 24 (June 29, 2017).

The parties have engaged in settlement negotiations that may resolve one or all disputes issues between some or all of the parties. In order to facilitate continued settlement discussions and explore whether a partial or complete settlement may be reached, AEP Ohio requests an approximately one-week extension of the testimony deadlines set forth above and a continuance of the current hearing date. Specifically, AEP Ohio requests that the Attorney Examiner modify the procedural schedule in this case as follows:

- November 8, 2017 – Deadline for AEP Ohio to file testimony
- November 16, 2017 – Deadline for intervenors to file testimony
- November 21, 2017 – Deadline for Staff to file testimony

- November 28, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. – Evidentiary hearing commences

If a partial or complete Stipulation and Recommendation (“Stipulation”) is filed by two or more parties before November 8, 2017, then AEP Ohio requests that the Attorney Examiner further modify the above procedural schedule at that time in order to accommodate the preparation of testimony in support of the Stipulation, possible preparation of testimony in opposition to the Stipulation, and the parties’ preparation for hearing.

All parties have been contacted regarding this motion and AEP Ohio’s request for expedited ruling. No party opposes either the motion or AEP Ohio’s request for immediate ruling.

Accordingly, AEP Ohio respectfully requests that the Attorney Examiner issue an entry extending and continuing the procedural schedule in these proceedings as set forth above.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

In accordance with Rule 4901-1-05, Ohio Administrative Code, the PUCO's e-filing system will electronically serve notice of the filing of this document upon the following parties. In addition, I hereby certify that a service copy of the foregoing was sent by, or on behalf of, the undersigned counsel to the following parties of record this 25th day of October, 2017, via electronic transmission.

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Summary: Motion - Unopposed Motion of Ohio Power Company for Extension of Procedural Schedule and Continuance of Hearing and Request for Expedited Ruling electronically filed by Mr. Steven T Nourse on behalf of Ohio Power Company