## 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. 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 ON REHEARING**

Entered in the Journal on June 20, 2018

### I. SUMMARY

[¶ 1] The Commission grants the applications for rehearing of the April 25, 2018 Opinion and Order filed by Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio, Ohio Consumers' Counsel, Retail Energy Supply Association, and Interstate Gas Supply, Inc. for the purpose of further consideration of the matters specified in the applications for rehearing.

# II. DISCUSSION

- $\P$  2) 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.
- {¶ 3} 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.

- [¶ 4] By Opinion and Order dated April 25, 2018, the Commission modified and approved, pursuant to a stipulation and recommendation filed by AEP Ohio and numerous other parties, an ESP for the Company for the period of June 1, 2018, through May 31, 2024.
- {¶ 5} R.C. 4903.10 states that any party who has entered an appearance in a Commission proceeding may apply for a rehearing with respect to any matters determined therein by filing an application within 30 days after the entry of the order upon the Commission's journal.
- {¶ 6} On May 25, 2018, AEP Ohio, Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC), Retail Energy Supply Association (RESA), and Interstate Gas Supply, Inc. (IGS) filed applications for rehearing of the April 25, 2018 Opinion and Order. Memoranda contra the various applications for rehearing were filed by AEP Ohio, OCC, and RESA/IGS on June 4, 2018.
- {¶ 7} The Commission believes that sufficient reason has been set forth by AEP Ohio, OCC, RESA, and IGS to warrant further consideration of the matters specified in the applications for rehearing. Accordingly, the applications for rehearing filed by AEP Ohio, OCC, RESA, and IGS should be granted.

### III. ORDER

- **[¶ 8]** It is, therefore,
- {¶ 9} ORDERED, That the applications for rehearing filed by AEP Ohio, OCC, RESA, and IGS be granted for further consideration of the matters specified in the applications for rehearing. It is, further,

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

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