THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT PETITION OF AEP OHIO AND SOUTH CENTRAL POWER COMPANY REQUESTING REVISION TO TERRITORIAL BOUNDARY MAP.

CASE NO. 18-944-EL-PEB

FINDING AND ORDER

Entered in the Journal on July 25, 2018

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} In this Finding and Order, the Commission grants the joint petition of Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio and South Central Power Company to reallocate their service territories.

II. DISCUSSION

- {¶ 2} On March 7, 2012, in Case No. 10-2376-EL-UNC, the Commission approved and confirmed the merger of Columbus Southern Power Company (CSP) into Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio (AEP Ohio). *In re Ohio Power Co. and Columbus Southern Power Co.*, Case No. 10-2376-EL-UNC (AEP Ohio Merger Case), Entry (Mar. 7, 2012).
- {¶ 3} AEP Ohio and South Central Power Company (SCP) are electric suppliers as defined in R.C. 4933.81. By Entries issued in Case No. 78-1311-EL-ORD, the Commission certified the territories of CSP and SCP. Following the merger approved in the AEP Ohio Merger Case, AEP Ohio provides retail electric service to customers within CSP's certified territory.
- {¶ 4} Pursuant to R.C. 4933.83(E), two or more electric suppliers may jointly petition the Commission to reallocate their service territories and electric load centers. In their petition, the electric suppliers shall designate which portion of their territories and electric load centers will be served by each electric supplier.

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{¶ 5} On May 31, 2018, AEP Ohio and SCP jointly petitioned the Commission to reallocate their service territories in Fairfield County, Rush Creek Township, Ohio. Specifically, they request the following relocation:

On Quadrangle map Q-20, located in Fairfield County, within Rush Creek Township, starting at existing boundary line on Tent Church Road at the southwest corner of parcel 0340011412 located at 82°28′22.49″W, 39°44′38.02″N continue to the southwest corner of parcel 0340011412. Head north, off Tent Church Road and follow to northeast corner of parcel 0340011412, continue to northeast corner of parcel 0340011410 located at 39°44′53.77″N, 82°28′9.59″W. Head west to existing boundary line at 82°28′26.45″W, 39°44′54.45″N.

- {¶ 6} In support of their request, AEP Ohio and SCP explain that because SCP is currently providing electric service to the customer at 6440 Tent Church Road NE, Lancaster, AEP Ohio has agreed to allow SCP to continue serving 6440 Tent Church Road NE, Lancaster, Ohio and to serve the two adjoining parcels.
 - $\{\P 7\}$ No objections have been filed to the joint petition for reallocation.
- {¶ 8} The Commission finds that granting the requested relief will promote the purposes of R.C. 4933.81 to 4933.90, and will further promote the provision of adequate service to all territories and electric load centers affected by the relocation as required by R.C 4933.83(E). Accordingly, the Commission finds that the joint petition is reasonable and should be approved.
- {¶ 9} The Commission, therefore, directs that the territorial boundaries of AEP Ohio and SCP be appropriately modified as delineated in the joint petition and the maps of the certified territories be amended accordingly.

III. ORDER

 $\{\P 10\}$ It is, therefore,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That the request of AEP Ohio and SCP to reallocate their territory boundaries be granted. It is, further,

 $\{\P$ 12 $\}$ ORDERED. That the change on quadrangle map Q-20, described in the joint petition, be approved to show the boundary line change. It is, further,

{¶ 13} ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon each party of record.

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