

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2018 LONG-TERM
FORECAST REPORT OF OHIO POWER
COMPANY AND RELATED MATTERS.

CASE NO. 18-501-EL-FOR

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on September 19, 2018

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission grants, to the extent set forth in this Entry, Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio's motion for waiver of certain long-term forecast reporting requirements.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} 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.

{¶ 3} R.C. 4928.143(B)(2)(c) provides that an electric security plan (ESP) may include a nonbypassable surcharge for the life of an electric generating facility that is owned or operated by an electric distribution utility, was sourced through a competitive bid process, and is newly used and useful on or after January 1, 2009. The statute directs the Commission to determine, in advance of authorizing any surcharge, whether there is need for the facility based on resource planning projections submitted by the electric distribution utility.

{¶ 4} R.C. 4935.04(C) requires certain electric transmission line owners to furnish to the Commission, on an annual basis, a long-term forecast report (LTFR), including, among other information, a year-by-year, ten-year forecast of annual energy demand, peak load, reserves, and a general description of the resource planning projections to meet demand. Pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:5-3-01(A) and 4901:5-5-06(A), an electric transmission owner or electric utility is required to file its LTFR, including an integrated resource plan, by April 15 of each year.

{¶ 5} On April 16, 2018, AEP Ohio filed its LTFR for 2018. AEP Ohio corrected and supplemented its LTFR on May 31, 2018, and June 26, 2018, at the request of Staff.

{¶ 6} On June 7, 2018, AEP Ohio filed a motion for waiver pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-12 and 4901:5-5-02(C), along with a request for an expedited ruling. In its motion, AEP Ohio states that it intends to file an amendment to its 2018 LTFR later this year to demonstrate the need for at least 900 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy projects in Ohio, consistent with the Commission's orders in the Company's recent ESP proceedings and its earlier power purchase agreement (PPA) proceedings. *In re Ohio Power Co.*, Case No. 16-1852-EL-SSO, et al., Opinion and Order (Apr. 25, 2018); *In re Ohio Power Co.*, Case No. 14-1693-EL-RDR, et al. (*PPA Rider Case*), Opinion and Order (Mar. 31, 2016), Second Entry on Rehearing (Nov. 3, 2016), Fifth Entry on Rehearing (Apr. 5, 2017). AEP Ohio explains that the stipulation approved by the Commission in the *PPA Rider Case* includes an agreement and commitment by the Company and its affiliates to develop a total of at least 500 MW nameplate capacity of wind energy projects in Ohio and at least 400 MW nameplate capacity of solar energy projects in the state, subject to Commission approval. AEP Ohio notes, however, that it must first submit a demonstration of need filing pursuant to R.C. 4928.143(B)(2)(c), as a predicate for advancing project-specific proposals through subsequent EL-RDR filings.

{¶ 7} With respect to its forthcoming LTFR amendment filing, AEP Ohio requests that the Commission waive certain portions of the LTFR requirements for electric utilities and electric transmission owners, as set forth in Ohio Adm. Code 4901:5-5-03(D) (requiring equations and data used to create the forecast, as well as data series and model equations used in the preparation of the forecast), 4901:5-5-04(E) (requiring a detailed narrative description and maps of the planned electric transmission system), 4901:5-5-04(F) (requiring a substantiation of transmission development plans that includes transcription diagrams, contingency and other analyses, import and export transfer capability diagrams, and switching diagrams), 4901:5-5-04(G) (requiring information regarding the transmission owner's existing and planned bulk power transmission system, including maps, plans, and transmission system diagrams and analyses), and 4901:5-5-05(C) (requiring substantiation of

distribution development plans, including load flow and other system analyses and switching diagrams). AEP Ohio asserts that the designated information required by these rules is not necessary for Staff or the Commission to effectively and efficiently review the Company's integrated resource plan that will be the focus of the LTFR amendment. AEP Ohio adds that the information required by the rules is voluminous and would be time consuming for the Company to prepare, while much of the information is publicly available in the Company's Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Form 715. AEP Ohio also contends that it has already provided sufficient information regarding its planned transmission lines and stations as part of its earlier LTFR filing. Finally, AEP Ohio represents that, to the extent that a future renewable energy project is anticipated to involve an incremental impact to the transmission or distribution system, the Company will address the issue in its LTFR amendment.

{¶ 8} In order to timely and efficiently prepare and submit the LTFR amendment filing, AEP Ohio requests an expedited ruling on its motion pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-12(C). Noting that Staff is the only other party to this proceeding, AEP Ohio represents that Staff does not object to the issuance of an expedited ruling.

{¶ 9} No memoranda contra AEP Ohio's motion for waiver were filed.

{¶ 10} Upon review of AEP Ohio's unopposed motion, the Commission finds, pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901:5-5-02(C), that the motion should be granted to the extent set forth in this Entry. AEP Ohio asserts that certain information required by the LTFR rules, as designated in the Company's motion, is not necessary for the Commission or Staff to review the Company's LTFR amendment. We note, however, that the issue of whether the information is necessary under the circumstances is a matter for determination by Staff and the Commission. Accordingly, Staff is not precluded from obtaining any information subject to AEP Ohio's waiver request, if such information is subsequently deemed necessary for Staff to complete an effective and efficient investigation of the Company's LTFR amendment. The

Commission also notes that Staff is not precluded from introducing such information at the hearing to be held in this proceeding.

III. ORDER

{¶ 11} It is, therefore,

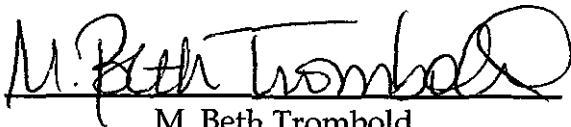
{¶ 12} ORDERED, That AEP Ohio's motion for waiver be granted to the extent set forth in this Entry. It is, further,

{¶ 13} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties and other interested persons of record in this case and all parties of record in Case No. 16-1852-EL-SSO, et al.


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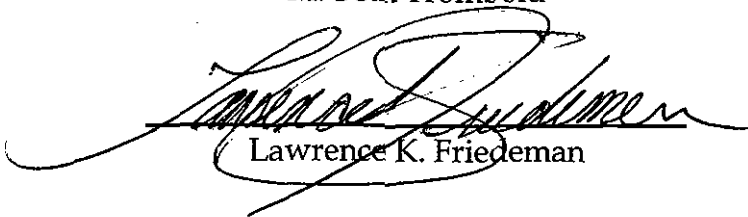
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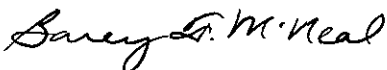
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