

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE REVIEW OF THE
POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT RIDER
OF OHIO POWER COMPANY.

CASE NO. 18-1003-EL-RDR

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on December 13, 2019

{¶ 1} Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio (AEP Ohio) 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} In Case No. 13-2385-EL-SSO, et al., the Commission modified and approved AEP Ohio's application for an ESP for the period of June 1, 2015, through May 31, 2018, pursuant to R.C. 4928.143. *In re Ohio Power Co.*, Case No. 13-2385-EL-SSO, et al. (*ESP 3 Case*), Opinion and Order (Feb. 25, 2015), Second Entry on Rehearing (May 28, 2015), Fourth Entry on Rehearing (Nov. 3, 2016), Seventh Entry on Rehearing (Apr. 5, 2017). Among other matters, the Commission authorized AEP Ohio to establish a placeholder Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) Rider and required AEP Ohio to justify any future request for cost recovery in a separate proceeding. *ESP 3 Case*, Opinion and Order (Feb. 25, 2015) at 20-22, 25-26.

{¶ 4} Subsequently, in Case No. 14-1693-EL-RDR, et al., the Commission modified and approved a stipulation and recommendation pertaining to AEP Ohio's proposal to populate the placeholder PPA Rider approved in the *ESP 3 Case*. *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). The Commission directed that the PPA Rider be subject to an annual audit. *PPA Rider Case*, Opinion and Order (Mar. 31, 2016) at 89-90.

{¶ 5} By Entry dated June 13, 2018, the Commission directed Staff to issue a request for proposal to acquire audit services for the initial audit of AEP Ohio's PPA Rider for the period of June 1, 2016, through December 31, 2017.

{¶ 6} On July 11, 2018, the Commission selected Vantage Energy Consulting, LLC (Vantage) to conduct the prudency and performance audit of AEP Ohio's PPA Rider. Vantage filed its audit report under seal on January 11, 2019. A redacted version of the audit report was filed in the public docket on August 8, 2019.

{¶ 7} In order to assist the Commission in its review of AEP Ohio's PPA Rider, the attorney examiner finds that the following procedural schedule should be established:

- (a) January 10, 2020 – Deadline for the filing of motions to intervene.
- (b) January 17, 2020 – Deadline for the filing of initial comments in response to Vantage's audit report.
- (c) February 7, 2020 – 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 interested persons and parties of record in this case and all parties of record in Case No. 14-1693-EL-RDR, et al.

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry procedural schedule established: 1.10.20 - deadline for filing of motions to intervene; 1.17.20 - deadline for filing of initial comments in response to Vantage's audit report; 2.7.20 - deadline for filing of reply comments electronically filed by Mrs. Kelli C King on behalf of Sarah J. Parrot, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio