

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE REVIEW OF THE  
POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT RIDER  
OF OHIO POWER COMPANY FOR 2018.

CASE NO. 18-1004-EL-RDR

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POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT RIDER  
OF OHIO POWER COMPANY FOR 2019.

CASE NO. 18-1759-EL-RDR

### ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on December 7, 2020

{¶ 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} In Case No. 16-1852-EL-SSO, et al., the Commission modified and approved a stipulation and recommendation, which authorized AEP Ohio to implement an ESP for the period of June 1, 2018, through May 31, 2024, and provided for the continuation of the PPA Rider. *In re Ohio Power Co.*, Case No. 16-1852-EL-SSO, et al., Opinion and Order (Apr. 25, 2018) at ¶ 53.

{¶ 6} By Entry dated January 15, 2020, the Commission directed Staff to issue a request for proposal for the audit services necessary to assist the Commission with the audit of AEP Ohio's PPA Rider for the period of January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2019.

{¶ 7} On March 11, 2020, the Commission selected London Economics International LLC (LEI) to conduct the prudency and performance audit of AEP Ohio's PPA Rider. LEI filed confidential and public versions of its audit report on September 16, 2020.

{¶ 8} 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 15, 2021 – Deadline for the filing of motions to intervene.
- (b) January 22, 2021 – Deadline for the filing of initial comments in response to LEI's audit report.
- (c) February 12, 2021 – Deadline for the filing of reply comments.

{¶ 9} It is, therefore,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That the procedural schedule set forth in Paragraph 8 be adopted.  
It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all interested persons and parties of record in these cases and all parties of record in Case No. 14-1693-EL-RDR, et al.

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry establishing a procedural schedule. electronically filed by Kelli C. King on behalf of Sarah J. Parrot, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio