

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
OHIO POWER COMPANY FOR AN  
INCREASE IN ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION  
RATES.

CASE NO. 20-585-EL-AIR

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
OHIO POWER COMPANY FOR TARIFF  
APPROVAL.

CASE NO. 20-586-EL-ATA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
OHIO POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL  
TO CHANGE ACCOUNTING METHODS.

CASE NO. 20-587-EL-AAM

### ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on January 27, 2021

{¶ 1} Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio (AEP Ohio or the Company) is an electric light company as defined by R.C. 4905.03 and a public utility as defined by R.C. 4905.02, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 2} In Case No. 16-1852-EL-SSO, et al., the Commission modified and approved a stipulation and recommendation (Stipulation) filed by AEP Ohio, Staff, and numerous other signatory parties, which authorized the Company to implement an electric security plan for the period of June 1, 2018, through May 31, 2024. Among the commitments in the Stipulation, AEP Ohio agreed to file a base distribution rate case by June 1, 2020. *In re Ohio Power Co.*, Case No. 16-1852-EL-SSO, et al., Opinion and Order (Apr. 25, 2018) at ¶ 45.

{¶ 3} On April 29, 2020, in the above-captioned cases, AEP Ohio filed a pre-filing notice of its intent to file an application for approval of an increase in its electric distribution rates, tariff modifications, and changes in accounting methods.

{¶ 4} On June 8, 2020, AEP Ohio filed its application to increase its rates pursuant to R.C. 4909.18.<sup>1</sup> AEP Ohio filed direct testimony in support of its application on June 15, 2020.

{¶ 5} On November 18, 2020, as amended on November 25, 2020, Staff filed a written report of its investigation (Staff Report). Pursuant to R.C. 4909.19 and Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-28(B), objections to the Staff Report were due by December 18, 2020.

{¶ 6} By Entry issued on November 23, 2020, as amended by Entries issued on December 1, 2020, and January 14, 2021, the procedural schedule was established in these cases such that a public hearing will be held on February 8, 2021, through Webex; the prehearing conference and technology test session will be held on February 11, 2021, through Webex; and the evidentiary hearing will commence on March 4, 2021, through Webex. Further, direct expert testimony supporting objections to the Staff Report is due by January 29, 2021; motions to strike objections to the Staff Report are due by February 8, 2021; and memoranda contra motions to strike objections to the Staff Report are due by February 16, 2021.

{¶ 7} On January 26, 2021, AEP Ohio filed a motion seeking a seven-day extension of the deadlines for direct expert testimony supporting objections to the Staff Report, motions to strike objections to the Staff Report, and memoranda contra motions to strike objections to the Staff Report. In support of its motion, AEP Ohio states that the parties are engaged in settlement negotiations to resolve some or all of the issues raised in these proceedings and that the requested extension will facilitate continued discussions among the parties. AEP Ohio further states that it does not seek to modify any other date or deadline in the procedural schedule. Finally, AEP Ohio requests an expedited ruling on the

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<sup>1</sup> Due to the closure of the Commission's offices from June 1, 2020, through June 5, 2020, the application for a rate increase, which was submitted by AEP Ohio on June 1, 2020, was accepted for filing on June 8, 2020, and deemed timely filed in accordance with R.C. 1.14 and Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-07 and 4901-1-13. *In re the Extension of Filing Dates for Pleadings and Other Papers Due to a Building Emergency*, Case No. 20-1132-AU-UNC, Entry (June 8, 2020).

motion pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-12(C) and represents that no party opposes the motion or the request for an expedited ruling.

{¶ 8} The attorney examiner finds that the unopposed motion for an extension is reasonable and should be granted. Accordingly, direct expert testimony supporting objections to the Staff Report should be filed by February 5, 2021; motions to strike objections to the Staff Report should be filed by February 16, 2021; and memoranda contra motions to strike objections to the Staff Report should be filed by February 23, 2021.

{¶ 9} It is, therefore,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That AEP Ohio's unopposed motion for an extension of the deadlines for direct expert testimony supporting objections to the Staff Report, motions to strike objections to the Staff Report, and memoranda contra motions to strike objections to the Staff Report be granted consistent with Paragraph 8. It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

/s/Greta See

By: Greta See  
Attorney Examiner

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry ordering that AEP Ohio's unopposed motion for an extension of the deadlines for direct expert testimony supporting objections to the Staff Report, motions to strike objections to the Staff Report, and memoranda contra motions to strike objections to the Staff Report be granted consistent with Paragraph 8 electronically filed by Heather A Chilcote on behalf of Greta See, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission