

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
OHIO POWER COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY
TO ESTABLISH A STANDARD SERVICE
OFFER PURSUANT TO R.C. 4928.143 IN
THE FORM OF AN ELECTRIC SECURITY
PLAN.

CASE NO. 23-23-EL-SSO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
OHIO POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL
OF CERTAIN ACCOUNTING AUTHORITY.

CASE NO. 23-24-EL-AAM

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on March 2, 2023

{¶ 1} Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio (AEP Ohio or Company) is an electric distribution utility, as defined in R.C. 4928.01(A)(6), and a public utility, as defined under R.C. 4905.02. As such, AEP Ohio is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 2} R.C. 4928.141 mandates that an electric distribution utility shall provide to all 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 service. 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} Most recently, in Case No. 16-1852-EL-SSO et al., the Commission modified and approved, pursuant to stipulation, AEP Ohio's application for its fourth ESP to commence on June 1, 2018, and continue through May 31, 2024, pursuant to R.C. 4928.143. *In re Ohio Power Co.*, Case No. 16-1852-EL-SSO et al., Opinion and Order (Apr. 25, 2018); Second Entry on Rehearing (Aug. 1, 2018).

{¶ 4} On January 6, 2023, AEP Ohio filed an application that, if approved, would establish the Company's fifth ESP for a period to commence on June 1, 2024, and continue through May 31, 2030. AEP Ohio also filed an application for approval of certain accounting

authority to implement aspects of the proposed ESP (Application). In its Application, AEP Ohio proposes a procedural schedule including that a prehearing conference be scheduled for June 26, 2023, and the hearing commence on July 10, 2023.

{¶ 5} A technical conference was held on February 7, 2023, to allow interested persons the opportunity to better understand AEP Ohio's application.

{¶ 6} To assist the Commission in its review of AEP Ohio's ESP application, the attorney examiner finds the following procedural schedule should be established:

- (a) Motions to intervene are due by March 31, 2023.
- (b) Testimony on behalf of intervenors is due by June 2, 2023.
- (c) Discovery requests, except for notices of deposition, should be served by June 16, 2023.
- (d) A procedural/prehearing conference shall be scheduled for June 22, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, Hearing Room 11-A, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.
- (e) Testimony on behalf of Staff is due by June 30, 2023.
- (f) The evidentiary hearing shall commence on July 10, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, Hearing Room 11-A, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

{¶ 7} The attorney examiner reiterates that electronic service of discovery requests and responses, where feasible, is encouraged. Similarly, an attorney serving discovery should attempt to contact the attorney upon whom the request will be served to advise counsel of the forthcoming discovery.

{¶ 8} Local public hearing(s) will be scheduled in a subsequent entry.

{¶ 9} It is, therefore,

{¶ 10} ORDERED, That the procedural schedule set forth in Paragraph 6 be observed.
It is, further,

{¶ 11} ORDERED, That the discovery practices set forth in Paragraph 6 be observed.
It is, further,

{¶ 12} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all interested persons
and parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

/s/Greta See

By: Greta See
Attorney Examiner

JSA/dmh

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry that Motions to intervene are due by March 31, 2023; intervenors testimony is due by June 2, 2023; Discovery requests, except for notices of deposition, should be served by June 16, 2023; A procedural/prehearing conference shall be scheduled for June 22, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, Hearing Room 11-A, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio; testimony on behalf of Staff is due by June 30, 2023; and an evidentiary hearing shall commence on July 10, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of the Commission, Hearing Room 11-A, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio electronically filed by Ms. Donielle M. Hunter on behalf of Greta N. See, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio