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.

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.

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. In its application, AEP Ohio proposes a procedural schedule including that the hearing commence on July 10, 2023.

A technical conference on AEP Ohio’s ESP application was held on February 7, 2023.

By Entry issued March 2, 2023, the attorney examiner set the procedural schedule for consideration of AEP Ohio’s ESP application and related matters.
In order to provide customers of AEP Ohio a reasonable opportunity to provide public testimony in these proceedings, local public hearings will be conducted as set forth below on the following dates. AEP Ohio is directed to publish notice of the local public hearings one time in a newspaper of general circulation in each county in its certified territory. The notice should not appear in the legal notices section of the newspaper and should read as follows:

LEGAL NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled local hearings in Case No. 23-23-EL-SSO, 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, and Case No. 23-24-EL-AAM, In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company for Approval of Certain Accounting Authority. In the application, Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio seeks Commission approval of an electric security plan filed on January 6, 2023, and matters related to the Company’s procurement of power for the period of June 1, 2024, through May 31, 2030.

The local hearings are scheduled for the purpose of providing an opportunity for interested members of the public to testify in these proceedings. The local hearings will be held as follows:

(a) April 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., Owens Community College, Community Education and Wellness Center Building, 3200 Bright Road, Room FCE 111, Findlay, Ohio 45840.

(b) April 26, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., Zanesville-Muskingum County Conference & Welcome Center, Heritage Hall, 205 North Fifth Street, Zanesville, Ohio 43701.
(c) May 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., Washington State Community College, Arts & Science Building, Graham Auditorium, 710 Colegate Drive, Marietta, Ohio 45750.

(d) May 22, 2023, at 12:30 p.m., at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Hearing Room 11-B, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

(e) May 23, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., at Ohio History Connection, 800 East 17th Avenue, Cardinal Classroom, Columbus, Ohio 43211.

An evidentiary hearing regarding the provisions of the Company’s electric security plan will 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 43215.

Further information regarding this case may be obtained by: contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793; viewing the case docket on the Commission’s web page at http://www.puco.ohio.gov, Docketing Information System and entering the case number, Case No. 23-23-EL-SSO in the Case Lookup box; or contacting the Commission’s hotline at 1-800-686-7826.

¶ 7 It is, therefore,

¶ 8 ORDERED, That local public hearings in these matters be held as set forth in Paragraph 6. It is, further,

¶ 9 ORDERED, That AEP Ohio publish notice of the hearings as set forth in Paragraph 6. It is, further,
ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all interested persons of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

/s/ Greta See
By:    Greta See
       Attorney Examiner

MJA/dr
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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry scheduling local public hearings as follows:
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