ARKANSAS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF A RULEMAKING TO ADOPT AN EVALUATION, MEASUREMENT, AND VERIFICATION PROTOCOL AND PROPOSE EM&V AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMISSION’S RULES FOR CONSERVATION AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS)

DOCKET NO. 10-100-R ORDER NO. 23

ORDER

On August 31, 2016, a Joint Motion to Approve Technical Reference Manual Version 6.0 and Waiver of Hearing (Motion) was filed in this proceeding by the General Staff (Staff) of the Arkansas Public Service Commission (Commission); Arkansas Oklahoma Gas Corporation (AOG); Black Hills Arkansas Energy, Inc. (Black Hills); Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company (OG&E); CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Arkansas Gas (CenterPoint); Entergy Arkansas, Inc. (EAi); The Empire District Electric Company (Empire); Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO); and Audubon Arkansas, a division of the National Audubon Society, Inc. (Audubon), representing all parties actively participating in the collaborative process in this proceeding (collectively referred to as the Moving Parties). Staff also submitted the Supporting Testimony and Exhibits of Matthew S. Klucher, with TRM Version 6.0 attached, and the Supplemental Testimony and Exhibits of Dr. Katherine Johnson, Independent Evaluation Monitor (IEM). Dr. Johnson’s Exhibits include a concordance describing each TRM 5.0 revision that has been included in the proposed TRM Version 6.0. By the Motion, the Moving Parties request that the Commission approve TRM Version 6.0, agree to waive their right to a hearing, and recommend that the Commission decide this matter based upon the filed record. Motion at ¶ 1 & 2.
Mr. Klucher testifies that the Parties Working Collaboratively (PWC) undertook an in-depth, lengthy effort to thoroughly review and refine the previously-approved TRM Version 5.0. Klucher at 4. Mr. Klucher states that TRM Version 6.0 represents a consensus agreement of the PWC and recommends approval of TRM Version 6.0 for use in computing and evaluating 2016 EE program results. Id. at 5.

Dr. Johnson details the annual TRM review process, which is required by Protocol H of Volume 1 of the TRM, and which incorporates changes indicated by third party evaluations of EE programs, and changes solicited, identified, and tracked throughout the year from the PWC. Id. at 3-4. Substantively, she reports that this year she facilitated the development of a new “Protocol L: Non-Energy Benefits,” as directed by Order No. 30 in Docket No. 13-002-U. This protocol describes equations and assumptions used to calculate the benefits of savings in “other fuels” (electricity saved by gas utility EE programs fuels, gas saved by electric utility programs, and liquid propane saved by either); the benefits of public water and wastewater savings; and the benefits of avoided and deferred equipment replacement costs. Id. at 6. Dr. Johnson also attaches a concordance listing over thirty updates to energy savings by specific measures.

Dr. Johnson states that, with each update, the TRM becomes more valuable both as a resource to the Arkansas EE community and as a model for other states. Dr. Johnson recommends that the Commission approve TRM Version 6.0 for use in computing and evaluating 2016 EE program results. Id. at 7.
Findings and Ruling

Based upon the recommendation of all Moving Parties, and upon the testimony of Mr. Klucher and Dr. Johnson, TRM 6.o is approved and adopted for use in computing and evaluating 2016 EE program results.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION,

This 17th day of October, 2016.

Ted J. Thomas, Chairman

Elana C. Wills, Commissioner

Lamar B. Davis, Commissioner

I hereby certify that this order, issued by the Arkansas Public Service Commission, has been served on all parties of record on this date by the following method:

- U.S. mail with postage prepaid using the mailing address of each party as indicated in the official docket file, or
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Michael Sappington
Secretary of the Commission