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. 25

ORDER

On May 10, 2017, a Joint Motion to Approve Technical Reference Manual Version 6.1 and to Waive Hearing was filed by the General Staff (Staff) of the Arkansas Public Service Commission (Commission); the Consumer Utilities Rate Advocacy Division of the Office of Arkansas Attorney General Leslie Rutledge; Audubon Arkansas, a division of the National Audubon Society, Inc.; Arkansas Oklahoma Gas Corporation; Black Hills Arkansas Energy, Inc.; CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Arkansas Gas; The Empire District Electric Company; Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company; Southwestern Electric Power Company; and Entergy Arkansas, Inc., representing all parties actively participating in the collaborative process to this docket (collectively referred to as the Moving Parties). Staff also filed the Supporting Testimony and Exhibits of Matthew S. Klucher, with the Technical Reference Manual (TRM) Version 6.1 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 6.0 revision that has been included in the proposed TRM Version 6.1. By the Motion, the Moving Parties request that the Commission approve TRM Version 6.1, agree to waive a hearing, and recommend that the Commission decide this matter based upon the filed record. Motion at ¶ 1 and 2.
Mr. Klucher notes that the Arkansas TRM is transitioning to a prospective TRM as approved by the Commission in Order No. 37 in Docket No. 13-002-U.¹ Klucher Supporting at 4. He testifies that in accordance with Order No. 37 in Docket No. 13-002-U, the Parties Working Collaboratively (PWC) reviewed and revised the TRM 6.0 in an in-depth and lengthy project, which is more fully explained in Dr. Johnson’s testimony. Id. at 4-5. Mr. Klucher states that TRM Version 6.1 represents a consensus agreement of the PWC and recommends approval of TRM Version 6.1 for use in computing and evaluating 2017 Energy Efficiency Program results. Id. at 5-6.

Dr. Johnson details the steps taken to transition the Arkansas TRM to a prospective TRM and identifies the changes that were necessary to update to TRM Version 6.1. Johnson Supplemental at 3. Dr. Johnson states that changes such as adding new measures will be reviewed, developed, and included in the update for Version 7.0 which will take place later in 2017. Id. Dr. Johnson testifies that the proposed changes in Volume 2 of TRM Version 6.1 have been thoroughly reviewed by the PWC in a transparent revision process. She states that the PWC also identified additional areas that will be discussed during the review and updating process for TRM Version 7.0. Id. at 4. Dr. Johnson recommends that the Commission approve TRM Version 6.1 for use in computing and evaluating 2017 Energy Efficiency program results. Id. at 4-5.

Findings and Ruling

¹ The Commission relied on the need to balance both risk and accuracy, a review of policies in other jurisdictions, and Arkansas’s specific EM&V needs to approve a prospective TRM. Docket No. 13-002-U, Order No. 37 at 4.
Based upon the recommendation of the Moving Parties, and upon the testimony of Mr. Klucher and Dr. Johnson, TRM 6.1 is approved and adopted for use in computing and evaluating 2017 EE program results.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This 25th day of May, 2017.

Ted J. Thomas, Chairman

Elana C. Wills, Commissioner

Kimberly A. O'Guinn, Commissioner

Mary Loos, Secretary of the Commission

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:

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