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1	Thursday Morning Session,
2	April 19, 2007
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4	EXAMINER KINGERY: Let's go on the
5	record.
6	The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
7	has called for hearing at this time and place Case
8	numbers I hesitate to say which case numbers
9	03-93-EL-ATA and a host of other cases. This is a
10	continuation of the hearing from last week.
11	We have previously taken appearances in
12	this case. Ms. Christensen, I think we need to add
13	you?
14	MS. CHRISTENSEN: Thank you, your Honor.
15	On behalf of People Working Cooperatively, Inc., the
16	law firm of Christensen, Christensen & Donchatz,
17	Kettlewell & Owens, Mary W. Christensen. Thank you,
18	your Honor.
19	EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you.
20	Mr. Sites.
21	MR. SITES: Rick Sites on behalf of the
22	Ohio Hospital Association.
23	EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you. I believe
24	everybody else was here.

MR. BOEHM: Excuse me, Kurt Boehm on half of Ohio Energy Group.

EXAMINER KINGERY: Before going on the record this morning we discussed a number of items, and we do have some matters that need to be discussed on the record.

Mr. Reilly, I believe you were concerned about clarifying the meaning of a particular paragraph in the stipulation. As I understand, you were proposing to make a statement on the record at this point to clarify the parties' intent. Is that correct?

MR. REILLY: For the most part. Staff doesn't necessarily believe that clarification was necessary. There's certainly testimony that indicates, filed particularly by Mr. Haugh and, frankly, some statements by Mr. Whitlock raise a concern as to the parties' intent, and the parties make that just crystal clear.

So we have a statement that at least staff and the company have agreed to that we would like to put on the record with regard to that intent.

EXAMINER KINGERY: What --

MR. REILLY: And we would like it marked

as an exhibit. Mr. Colbert has just passed it out, and I believe the court reporter has a copy. We would like it marked as Company and Staff Exhibit 1.

EXAMINER KINGERY: We already have a joint exhibit, Remand Rider 1 being the stipulation, so I suggest this would be 2.

MR. REILLY: Well, except this isn't really a joint exhibit by everybody in the room.

It's an exhibit by the staff and company so far. If everyone who has signed the stipulation would like to later acknowledge agreement with it, that would be great, too.

EXAMINER KINGERY: All right. Why don't we determine what its name will be later after we determine who is going to agree with it. And we are going to need to have some kind of testimony regarding this exhibit so perhaps when either the company or the staff witnesses who are supporting the stipulation are testifying, they can make some statement about this clarification.

MR. REILLY: Your Honor, you have the representatives of the company and the staff making a statement on behalf of both parties as to what the intent of those parties is as to what the stipulation

means. I don't think -- I think that would be sufficient. I am here as a representative of staff stating what the stipulation means to the staff, and Mr. Colbert is here as a representative of the company stating what the stipulation means to the company.

MR. COLBERT: Your Honors, if it please, certainly the company agrees with Mr. Reilly, and we don't think it needs further representation in testimony. Having said that, Mr. Smith is going on to support the stipulation. He is aware of this clarification, and we certainly have no objection if any party wants to ask him a question about it. He is prepared to answer questions.

EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you.

MR. REILLY: Your Honor, I would note
Mr. Cahaan is also going on the stand in support of
the stipulation. He is aware of this statement, and
if anybody would want to ask him questions on that,
that would be fine also.

EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you.

MR. REILLY: As to what the statement is and what the intent is, I think Mr. Colbert and I can handle that.

MR. COLBERT: That's right.

MR. SMALL: Your Honor, I hate to break into this, but there are other parties in the room. I've just seen it. Mr. Reilly indicated when we first came in the room today there would be something like this, and I don't know whether I have any objections to it or not. I haven't read the document so -- and, quite frankly, we are going to go on this morning on the record with witnesses that are not supporting or opposing the stipulation but the continuation of the regular rider so it doesn't seem like we need to deal with it at this very moment and especially not before parties have had an opportunity to read this.

It does affect my examination of the witnesses for the latter part of this proceeding concerning support of the stipulation, and I want to reconsider my cross-examination on the effect of this document after I had a chance to read it, so maybe we could deal with it later on.

MR. REILLY: Your Honor, I would just note that this is a desire of two parties to state what their joint understanding of the existing stipulation is. It's meant as a clarifying piece of

two parties. I know we are offering this to everybody here to clarify something that has apparently been the subject of some confusion. I don't know that I think an objection is proper on that.

EXAMINER KINGERY: Just a moment, please.

You may go ahead and make whatever statement you want to make. We are not going to admit this at this time until the parties have had a chance to review it, and then there certainly will be the opportunity for cross-examination of witnesses in support.

MR. REILLY: I would ask the record to reflect that we have offered a written portion of what I am about to read for the record, clarifications and -- the parties' clarification.

Your Honor, the Duke Energy of Ohio and the staff of the Public Utilities Commission would like to make a brief statement as to the intent behind paragraph 8 because of some confusion being expressed by various witnesses in this proceeding.

Statement reads as follows: Paragraph 8 of the April 9, 2007, Stipulation and Recommendation filed in these proceedings by some, but not all, of

the Parties, has resulted in some confusion over the potential use of Duke Energy Ohio's assets formerly owned by Duke Energy Northern America to provide short-term capacity to meet Duke Energy Ohio operational capacity requirements.

To clarify the meaning of paragraph 8, Staff and Duke Energy - Ohio state that the paragraph is intended to permit Duke Energy - Ohio to use its DENA, and that's the Duke Energy North America, capacity on an emergency, intermittent basis. An "emergency" basis exists where capacity to meet Duke Energy - Ohio's operational requirements is necessary with less than seven days advanced notice. In the event the capacity to meet Duke Energy - Ohio's operational requirements is necessary with less than seven days advanced notice during two consecutive seven day periods, Duke Energy - Ohio must obtain Commission approval before using such capacity during the second seven day period. And then the document goes on to repeat paragraph 8.

That is a statement of staff's intent as the staff understands that statement of Duke's intent.

MR. COLBERT: He has accurately read the

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document. That accurately states our intent. 1 **EXAMINER KINGERY:** 2 Thank you. MR. REILLY: 3 Thank you, your Honor. 4 EXAMINER KINGERY: Mr. Colbert, another item that we had discussed before we went on the record this morning was some additional information 6 7 that was being provided by Mr. Whitlock, I believe. MR. COLBERT: Yes. 8 EXAMINER KINGERY: And I understand that 9 10 you are going to take the information that you have 11 received from him and prepare a document that sets 12 that forth and offer it subsequently. 13 MR. COLBERT: Yes, your Honor. We will 14 endeavor to provide that by sometime today, after 15 lunch probably. 16 EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you. In addition, I understand Mr. Small had an issue about 17 18 what portions of Mr. Whitlock's testimony should have been sealed, if any, and the parties are going to be 19 20 working on that together to try and resolve the issue. We will determine that subsequently. 21 MR. SMALL: At least the OCC has 22 23 represented we don't think any of it needs to be

sealed, and the company is going to check to see

whether it has any difference of opinion on that.

EXAMINER KINGERY: Okay. So we will handle that later after there has been some resolution between the parties.

We are also considering the appropriateness of the case numbers that were chosen for the filing of the stipulation in this case, and we have also discussed witness order for today. And after some discussion, we have determined that the first two witnesses will be staff witnesses with regard to the application. That would be Mr. Tufts and Ms. Smith, in either order. I don't care which one goes first. And then Mr. Haugh for OCC.

Following that we will move to witnesses in support of and opposed to the stipulation. We would have Mr. Smith for the company, Mr. Cahaan, and then Mr. Haugh again. There was some dispute about handling Mr. Haugh two separate times for the two portions of his testimony in light of the fact that his testimony covers certain issues in both phases of the testimony and we were concerned about whether or not that -- those same topics had to be cross-examined twice by the other parties who were concerned about it.

And I would like the record to reflect that the parties are not obligated to cross-examine him twice. If they have cross-examined him on a particular topic in one phase, we will also deem that cross-examination to have occurred with regard to the other phase of his testimony.

Any problems?

MR. REILLY: No, your Honor. We would also like the record to reflect that a party may choose to examine him at any time. For example, deciding not to cross-examine Mr. Haugh in the first phase or to examine him but not on a particular topic in the first phase would not preclude a party from examining him in the second phase or on any topic in the second phase that's relevant to his testimony in the second phase.

EXAMINER KINGERY: Let me just make sure I understand what you are suggesting. If there is an item -- a subject matter that is covered in both phases of his testimony, you could choose not to cross-examine him in the first phase, but you would not have forfeited your right to cross-examine him on that topic in the second phase.

MR. REILLY: That's right.

EXAMINER KINGERY: Is that what you are saying?

MR. REILLY: There's a shorthand way of saying this. Whatever decisions are made in the first phase with regard to cross-examining Mr. Haugh would not act as any kind of waiver on the examination in the second phase.

MR. SMALL: OCC would expect the normal rules for cross-examination and the relevance of that cross-examination to be applied in both instances, and I can't prejudge and I won't object to something if -- if cross-examination is forgone in the first exam and it has no bearing on his second testimony, I will object to that, but, you know, all I am saying is the cross-examination should have some connection with the testimony that he has presented.

MR. REILLY: Your Honor, this is why we brought this up and I imagine why the reason others brought it up. I don't -- all we are suggesting is that whatever is done in the first phase not act as a waiver to what happens in the second phase. If the question is improper in the second phase on its own because of the testimony presented in the second phase, so be it.

EXAMINER KINGERY: Right.

MR. REILLY: But if the basis of an objection in the second phase is it could have been covered and was not covered in the first phase, our -- we would like to revisit the subject of Mr. Haugh testifying twice if that is not going to be allowed.

EXAMINER KINGERY: I would not anticipate we would hear objections of the nature you are suggesting, that is, if someone wants to cross-examine Mr. Haugh in the second phase of his testimony on a matter that is in the second phase of his testimony, that will be acceptable.

MR. REILLY: Thank you, your Honor.

EXAMINER KINGERY: Okay. Are there any other matters that need to come before us before we get started with testimony today?

Anybody need a break before we start?

Okay. Mr. Reilly, would you like to call your first witness.

MR. REILLY: Thank you, your Honor. We would call Ms. Tricia Smith.

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TRICIA SMITH 1 being first duly sworn, as prescribed by law, was 2 examined and testified as follows: 3 DIRECT EXAMINATION 4 By Mr. Reilly: 5 Good morning, Ms. Smith. Would you state 6 7 your name and business address for the record, 8 please. Α. My name is -- my name is Tricia Smith. 9 My business address is 180 East Broad Street, 10 11 Columbus, Ohio. Ms. Smith I put before you on the witness 12 Ο. stand a document that's titled Supplemental Testimony 13 of Tricia J. Smith, Public Utilities Commission of 14 15 Ohio Accounting and Electricity Division, date 16 submitted, March 9, 2007. It's marked as Staff Exhibit No. 1. 17 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.) 18 19 Q. Do you see that document? 20 Α. Yes. Could you tell me what that document is? 21 Ο. This is my testimony, supplemental 22 Α. 23 testimony. In this case? 24

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1 Α. In this current case. Could you tell me how that document came 2 into existence? 3 I'm not sure I understand. 4 Α. Did you prepare the document? 5 0. 6 Yes, I did. I'm sorry. 7 Do you have any corrections or additions ο. to the document? 8 No, I do not. 9 Α. If I were to ask you the questions that 10 11 appear in what's been marked as Staff Exhibit No. 1, would your answers in this proceeding be the same as 12 appear in Staff Exhibit No. 1? 13 14 Α. Yes. MR. REILLY: With that, your Honor, we 15 would offer the witness for cross-examination and 16 17 move the introduction of Staff Exhibit No. 1 pending 18 cross-examination. 19 EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you. 20 Mr. Sauer? Mr. Small? 21 22 CROSS-EXAMINATION 23 By Mr. Sauer: Good morning, Ms. Smith. 24

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1	A. Good morning.	
2	Q. Could you turn to page 2 of your	
3	testimony, question 6.	
4	A. Yes.	
5	Q. And you state there that you agree with	
6	the Applicant's proposed rate of return. What is	
7	that rate of return?	
8	A. You mean the actual rate?	
9	Q. Yes, yes.	
10	A. Oh, I don't have that in front of me	
11	right now.	
12	Q. You don't know what that rate of return	
13	is?	
14	A. No. I don't have that in front of me.	
15	It's not written in my testimony.	
16	MR. SAUER: I have no further questions.	
17	EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you.	
18	Ms. Mooney?	
19	MS. MOONEY: I have no questions.	
20	MS. CHRISTENSEN: No, thank you.	
21	EXAMINER KINGERY: Anyone else who did	
22	not sign the stipulation?	
23	MR. REILLY: Excuse me, your Honor.	
24	Quick matter.	

REDIRECT EXAMINATION

2 By Mr. Reilly:

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- Q. Ms. Smith.
 - A. Yes.
 - Q. The purpose of your review of the company's activities with regard to the rate of return, I would like to direct your attention to that.
 - A. Yes.
- Q. Was that to verify the numbers that were used in calculating the rate of return?
- A. Yes, and to make sure it was
 appropriately grossed up to reflect the implication
 of tax.
 - Q. Was there any other purpose behind your activities in association with that rate?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 MR. REILLY: Thank you.
- 19 EXAMINER KINGERY: Mr. Sauer, any further
- 20 cross?
- MR. SAUER: No.
- 22 EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you. You may
- 23 | step down.
- 24 MR. REILLY: Thank you, Ms. Smith.

1	(Witness excused.)
2	MR. REILLY: With that, your Honor, we
3	would move the introduction of Staff Exhibit No. 1.
4	EXAMINER KINGERY: Any objections?
5	It will be admitted.
6	(EXHIBIT ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)
7	MR. REILLY: Can we go off the record?
8	EXAMINER KINGERY: Yes. Off the record,
9	please.
10	(Discussion off the record.)
11	EXAMINER KINGERY: Just to clarify, the
12	exhibit that we just admitted was Staff Remand Rider
13	Exhibit 1.
14	Mr. Reilly, you may call your next
15	witness.
16	MR. REILLY: Thank you, your Honor. We
17	would call Mr. L'Nard Tufts to the stand.
18	If you could just give me a second here.
19	If I could have a moment, your Honor.
20	I apologize to everybody in the room for
21	taking so long with this.
22	(EXHIBITS MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)
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L'NARD E. TUFTS 1 2 being first duly sworn, as prescribed by law, was examined and testified as follows: 3 DIRECT EXAMINATION 4 By Mr. Reilly: 5 Good morning, Mr. Tufts. 6 7 Α. Good morning. Mr. Tufts, would you state your name and Ο. 8 your business address for the record. 9 10 L'nard E. Tufts, 180 East Broad Street, 11 Columbus, Ohio 43215. 12 Mr. Tufts, I have placed two documents in front of you on the witness stand. One of them is a 13 document titled Corrected Supplemental Testimony of 14 L'nard E. Tufts dated March 9, 2007. Do you see 15 that? 16 17 Α. Yes. Okay. And the other -- and that is 18 Ο. marked Staff Remand Exhibit 2. 19 Α. 20 Correct. The other is marked Staff Remand Exhibit 21 Ο. 2A, and it has up in the upper right-hand corner 22 LET-1. Do you see that document? 23

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Yes.

I would like to direct your attention to 1 0. what has been marked as Staff Remand Exhibit 2 for a 2 second. Do you recognize that document? 3 Yes, I do. 4 Α. Can you tell me what it is? 5 It is my corrected supplemental testimony 6 7 for this proceeding. And how did that document come into 8 ο. 9 existence? 10 I prepared it. 11 Ο. Do you have any additions or corrections to that document? 12 No, I do not. 13 Α. Okay. Mr. Tufts, I would like to direct 14 your attention to Staff Remand Exhibit 2A for a 15 16 second. Do you recognize that document? I do. 17 A. And can you tell me what that is? 18 0. These are the attachments to Staff 19 Exhibit Remand -- Remand Exhibit No. 2. 20 21 Okay. Do you know how that Staff Remand ٥. Exhibit 2A came into existence? 22 23 I prepared it. Α. 24 Okay. Q.

MR. REILLY: Your Honor, if I could make a brief statement of explanation. Strike that. I will in just a second.

Q. Is Staff Remand -- Mr. Tufts, Remand
Staff Exhibit 2A the attachments to Staff Remand
Exhibit 2 --

A. Yes.

MR. REILLY: Your Honor, if I could make a brief statement of clarification.

EXAMINER KINGERY: You may.

MR. REILLY: For the record, and I take full responsibility for this mistake, when we filed Mr. Tufts' Corrected Supplemental Testimony, it was to have what has been marked as Staff Remand Exhibit 2A attached to it. Unfortunately, only part of that exhibit or on one version none of it got attached. We are correcting that problem now.

All the parties have had the -- what has been marked as Staff Remand Exhibit 2A since at least the stipulation was provided last week because it is an exhibit to that stipulation that was adopted -- that was incorporated and attached -- incorporated into the stipulation and attached to it so there shouldn't be any kind of surprise for anybody here.

But we are -- but this would be -- Mr. Tufts has identified both documents, and we have explained what they are.

EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you.

MR. REILLY: Thank you, your Honor.

Q. (By Mr. Reilly) Mr. Tufts, if I were to ask you the questions that appear in Staff -- what has been marked as Staff Remand Exhibit 2, would your answers be the same as what appears in Staff Remand Exhibit 2A considering the existence of Staff Remand Exhibit -- strike that. Let me start over.

If I were to ask you the same questions that appear in Staff Remand Exhibit 2, would your answers be the same as appear in Staff Remand Exhibit 2 considering also the existence of Staff Remand Exhibit 2A?

A. Yes.

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MR. REILLY: Thank you, your Honor. With that I would offer Mr. Tufts for cross-examination and move for the introduction of both Staff Remand Exhibit 2A and Staff Remand Exhibit 2A subject to cross-examination.

EXAMINER KINGERY: We will consider admission following cross.

OCC? 1 MR. SAUER: Thank you, your Honor. 2 3 CROSS-EXAMINATION 4 By Mr. Sauer: 5 Good morning, Mr. Tufts. 6 7 Α. Good morning. Your testimony, Staff Exhibit RR-2, is 8 9 labeled Corrected Supplemental Testimony. Is this 10 supplemental testimony to what was filed on 11 November 28? If you are referring to my prepared Α. 12 testimony November 29? 13 In 06-1085-EL-UNC? 14 Q. 15 Α. Yes. And that's why this is a supplement to 16 0. that? 17 That's correct. 18 Α. And the reason that the testimony is 19 supplementing what you prepared in your November 29 20 testimony, there was an inability on your part to 21 make some findings due to lack of information; is 22 23 that correct? 24 Yeah. We had some information requests that were still outstanding.

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EXAMINER KINGERY: Mr. Tufts, would you move the microphone a little closer. Thank you.

- And whatever information you were unable Ο. to obtain, you were subsequently able to obtain all that information in order to prepare this testimony?
 - Yes. Α.
- Ο. And whatever findings you were unable to reach previously you were comfortable and were able to reach those findings in what is now Staff Exhibit RR-2?
 - Α. Yes.
- Did you engage in any additional audit activities between the date of the November 28 testimony and the March 9 date of the Staff RR-2?
- Α. Well, I am not sure what you mean by the term additional audit activities. When we received the information, we reviewed it. To the extent there were questions, we contacted the company personnel to get the questions answered and to get clarification.
- 0. So are you saying the majority of your audit activities took place prior to the filing of the November 28 testimony being filed?
 - Yes, the majority. Α.

Q. The majority of it took place prior to 1 that date? 2 3 A. Yes. And the scope of whatever audit 4 Q. activities that you performed in preparing Staff 5 Exhibit RR-2 was consistent with the scope of the 6 7 audit activities that you performed previously? 8 Α. Yes. And did your audit activities contain 9 10 both financial audit activities as well as a physical 11 audit? 12 Α. Yes. 13 And from a financial audit perspective 14 did you verify that DEO's proposed costs included 15 with the AAC were appropriately accounted for? 16 Α. Yes. 17 And did such an audit assure not only the Ο. arithmetic accuracy of the costs included in the 18 DE-Ohio AAC application but also review the 19 20 appropriateness of the accounting treatment of those 21 costs? I am -- I am going to ask for a 22 clarification of what you mean by "appropriateness." 23

As part of the financial audit of the

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accounting treatment, did you verify, for instance, that the charges underlying the source documents were properly classified to the FERC accounts?

- A. Yes.
- Q. And as part of the financial audit of the accounting treatment, did you verify, for instance, that the charges that underlie the source documents were entered properly in the DE-Ohio's system?
- A. I'm sorry. I am having problems hearing you.
- Q. As part of the financial audit, did you verify that the underlying source documents were entered properly into DE-Ohio's financial system?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And as part of your financial audit, did you assure that DE-Ohio costs that were included in the AAC calculation were properly footed and extended to the financial statements themselves?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. As part of the physical audit, did you conduct on-site inspections to verify the physical existence of the plant items mentioned like on page 2 of your testimony?
 - A. Yes, we did.

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And did you conduct the plant inspection 1 ٥. alone, or did other members of staff join you in that 2 inspection? 3 I personally did not conduct the 4 Α. inspections. Other staff members did. 5 And were the other staff members 6 7 certified engineers, for example? I don't believe that to be the case. Α. 8 Who from the staff would have conducted 9 0. 10 the physical audit that you are referring to? 1.1 Α. Staff member David Erickson. I'm sorry? 12 Q. David Erickson. 13 Α. 14 Ο. And what's his position with the staff? 15 Α. He is a utility specialist who has 16 conducted numerous plant inspections in lots of proceedings. 17 18 Ο. And what particular educational background does Mr. Erickson have? 19 Α. I am not sure of that. 20 21 0. And as part of the additional audit activities, did you make a determination that a 22 particular environmental compliance construction 23

project was at least 75 percent complete?

No, that was not part of our review. 1 Α. Wouldn't that be an appropriate step in a 2 0. cost-based proceeding? 3 4 MR. REILLY: Objection. Calls for a legal conclusion. That's statutory, your Honor. 5 MR. COLBERT: The company would join in 6 7 that objection, your Honor. MR. SAUER: I am just trying to get a 8 sense as to what -- if you look at Mr. Tufts', I know 9 it's not part of the record, but his November 28 10 testimony where he describes the scope of the audit, 11 these aren't -- question 7 and the answer to question 12 "What was the scope of the staff's 13 investigation? 14 15 "Answer: The staff approached this investigation as it would any cost-based rate 16 proceeding as to verify the outcome by tracing 17 amounts through the accounting records. 18 include source documents, fixed asset records, 19 construction practices, company estimates." 20 I am just asking if that would be a 21 traditional step to take in a cost-based rate 22 proceeding which is the scope he said he used. 23

That's not the

EXAMINER KINGERY:

question you asked though. You can ask that question.

MR. SAUER: All right. I will try to rephrase. Thank you.

Q. (By Mr. Sauer) If you didn't verify that the environmental compliance construction projects were 75 -- you said you didn't verify they were 75 percent complete, right?

MR. REILLY: Objection. I don't believe that's what the record said. If the foundation for that is correct, I will withdraw the objection.

EXAMINER KINGERY: Let's have the court reporter read back the preceding question and answer.

(Question and answer read.)

- Q. What was the scope of that review?
- A. We wanted to verify that the information proposed by the applicant was supported by its books and records. We verified simply that the cost was incurred. The reason for that was in reading the Commission's entry on rehearing, there is a statement that says when the applicant made its filing to increase its AAC rider, that they would -- their calculations would include all costs, so that was what we verified, that all costs included in the

application was supported by its books.

- Q. And is it true that you approached the investigation as you would any cost-based rate proceeding?
- A. Well, to the extent that we wanted to verify that the information in the application is supported by the applicant's books and records.
- Q. Did your audit involve determining how many environmental compliance projects were included in the recovery of the company's proposed AAC charge?

 THE WITNESS: Can I have that question

12 repeated, please?

(Ouestion read.)

- A. I don't know that we counted the number of projects.
- Q. Did your audit involve determining if the environmental compliance projects were designed to make the plant compliant with clean air regulations in the future?
- A. My audit was verifying the cost. I did not do that.
- Q. As part of your you audit, did you formulate any opinion on whether the return on DE-Ohio's CWIP investment in environmental compliance

projects are an appropriate component of the AAC? 1 MR. REILLY: Objection. Objection. 2 Α. That's not --3 4 MR. REILLY: One is relevance, and, two, I think it's been asked and answered. 5 6 described the scope of the audit at least twice now. 7 And the scope of the audit Mr. Tufts testified was to verify the numbers the company was using. 8 MR. SAUER: I am just asking whether or 9 10 not he has an opinion on whether the costs that are 11 included in the AAC charge are appropriate. MR. REILLY: And I would object to that. 12 13 I would add to the objection relevance then, you 14 know, legal conclusion. 15 (Question read.) 16 EXAMINER KINGERY: We are going to allow 17 the question. 18 I did not form an opinion and that's not Α. 19 part of my testimony. Thank you. As part of your audit, did 20 Ο. you formulate an opinion on whether the return on 21 DE-Ohio CWIP investment in environmental compliance 22 23 construction projects was an appropriate component of

the AAC?

MR. COLBERT: Objection, your Honor. My
objection is slightly different. The Commission when
it approved the AAC in the 03-93-EL-ATA case in its

MR. REILLY: Objection, same objection.

5 entry on rehearing of November 23, 2004, specifically

6 approved an AAC that included -- with schedules that

7 | included CWIP and any number of matters that have

8 been included here. OCC is asking this witness about

9 | the appropriateness of those matters already approved

10 by the Commission.

Now, I believe that the Commission's order speaks for itself on that matter. So I don't think it's appropriate to ask the Commission or ask this witness, you know, effectively whether the Commission's order permitting the inclusion of these items is appropriate.

EXAMINER KINGERY: We are going to sustain this one.

Q. As part of your audit, Mr. Tufts, did you formulate an opinion on whether the AAC is an appropriate component of a market price in DE-Ohio market-based service?

MR. REILLY: Objection.

MR. COLBERT: Objection.

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MR. REILLY: That's a legal conclusion. 1 MR. COLBERT: Same basis from my 2 3 standpoint. The AAC has been approved as a component 4 of our market price. MR. SAUER: And I am just trying to find 5 out if that was part of his audit, did he look at 6 7 that as part of the AAC in terms of the entire market 8 phase offer. 9 EXAMINER KINGERY: That's not what you asked though. You may restate -- reformulate your 10 11 question if you would like. MR. SAUER: Okay. I will try that. 12 Mr. Tufts, as part of your audit, did you 13 Ο. formulate an opinion on whether the AAC is an 14 15 appropriate component of the market price that 16 DE-Ohio established as its market-based service offer? 17 MR. REILLY: Objection. 18 19 MR. COLBERT: Same objection. MR. REILLY: Same objection, add 20 21 relevancy. He is not being offered for his opinion. 22 EXAMINER KINGERY: Would you read back 23 what Mr. Sauer last stated when we were discussing 24 the last objection?

(Questions read.)

EXAMINER KINGERY: The distinction being what you said there was that you were trying to find out what was part of his audit. The questions you've asked have been whether he formed an opinion of something.

- Q. Mr. Tufts, as part of your audit, did you determine whether the AAC is a component of DEO market-based service?
- A. As I stated earlier, the scope of the audit was to verify the financial information. No, I did not form an opinion as to, you know, whether the AAC was an appropriate part of the market price.

MR. COLBERT: I am going to object and ask that the answer be stricken. That was not the question that was put to him, whether he formed an opinion as to whether it was appropriate or not.

EXAMINER KINGERY: Can we hear the question again? We will strike your answer and let's try again.

If you could read back Mr. Sauer's last question.

(Question read.)

A. I did not determine that.

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1	Q. And your audit didn't determine whether
2	it was an appropriate component of the MBSSO one way
3	or the other?
4	A. No.
5	MR. COLBERT: Objection all right. I
6	am not fast enough.
7	MR. SAUER: That's all the questions I
8	have, your Honor.
9	EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you.
10	Ms. Mooney, any?
11	MS. MOONEY: No questions.
12	EXAMINER KINGERY: Anyone else?
13	MR. COLBERT: I have a few questions,
14	your Honor.
15	EXAMINER KINGERY: Okay. Go ahead.
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17	CROSS-EXAMINATION
18	By Mr. Colbert:
19	Q. Good morning, Mr. Tufts.
20	A. Good morning.
21	EXAMINER KINGERY: Would you like to use
22	the microphone also.
23	MR. COLBERT: Sure.
24	EXAMINER KINGERY: I am not sure if we

1 | need it.

MR. COLBERT: It's not usually one of the complaints people get when I talk.

- Q. Mr. Tufts, you've been answering some questions for Mr. Sauer regarding the scope of staff's investigation into the AAC. Do you recall that?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And, Mr. Tufts, do you -- is it your opinion that staff has adequate resources to conduct the investigation into the AAC?

MR. SAUER: I object. Friendly cross.

MR. COLBERT: Your Honor, this most certainly is not friendly cross. This cross arises because Mr. Haugh is making a recommendation that an outside auditor be called in and an entirely different type of audit be performed. I am simply trying to find out whether staff has a similar opinion or believes that it can, in fact, conduct the type of audit and investigation necessary for the AAC.

EXAMINER KINGERY: Overruled.

MR. COLBERT: Thank you, your Honor.

Q. (By Mr. Colbert) Let me reask the

question, Mr. Tufts.

A. Okay.

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- Q. Do you believe that staff has adequate resources to conduct this -- let's start with this past investigation into the AAC?
 - A. I believe staff has adequate resources.
- Q. Okay. Do you believe -- well, let me ask how many staff personnel were available to conduct the audit into the AAC?
- A. Well, there were numerous staff available. We actually used, I am going to say, three primary staff persons, and then there were additional staff available should we need their assistance or if we need to consult with them concerning any issue involved in the investigation.
- Q. Okay. And you could -- so you could have used additional staff members beyond those that you actually did use in this audit?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. And did staff have any shortage of physical equipment necessary to conduct the audit, for example, availability of computers or automobiles to visit CG&E -- or DE-Ohio or any other equipment that you might have needed in the audit?

- The staff had adequate physical equipment 1 Α. to conduct the audit. 2 3 Q. And, Mr. Tufts, have you conducted other 4 audits in the course of your work with staff? Α. Yes. 5 Okay. And over how many years have you 6 Ο. 7 been conducting those audits? A. 25 now. 8 9 25 years? And would you -- do you 0. believe that you have some expertise in how to 10 11 conduct an audit? 12 Α. Yes. 13 And is it your opinion that there are 14 other staff members that have significant expertise 15 in conducting audits and investigations? 16 Α. Yes. And, Mr. Tufts, regarding the scope of 17 Ο. this audit particularly, do you believe that you had 18 sufficient latitude to look into any issues or 19 questions that may have arisen as you conducted the 20 audit? 21
 - A. Yes.

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Q. And do you believe that in your investigation into the AAC in the future that if

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                 MR. SAUER:
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    the scope and going beyond the scope of his
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                 MR. COLBERT: Thank you, your Honor.
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                 THE WITNESS: May I have the question
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                 Okay. And, Mr. Tufts, is it your
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1	Q. Okay. And, Mr. Tufts, do you believe
2	that staff would require the assistance of an outside
3	auditor to conduct such an audit or investigation?
4	A. I don't believe it would we would
5	require assistance to conduct an audit on the AAC.
6	MR. COLBERT: Thank you.
7	No more questions, your Honor.
8	EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you.
9	Redirect?
10	MR. REILLY: We have no redirect, your
11	Honor.
12	Thank you, Mr. Tufts.
13	EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you. You may
14	step down.
15	(Witness excused.)
16	MR. REILLY: With that, your Honor, we
17	would move the admission of Staff Remand Exhibits 2
18	and 2A, and if I forgot to do it too, we would also
19	move the introduction of Staff Remand Exhibit 1.
20	EXAMINER KINGERY: We already did No. 1.
21	MR. REILLY: Okay.
22	EXAMINER KINGERY: Any objection to 2 and
23	2A?
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(EXHIBITS ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.) 1 EXAMINER KINGERY: It's a little after 2 I believe now might be a good time for a 3 4 break before Mr. Haugh begins. So why don't we come back in 15 minutes, about 20 of. 5 (Recess taken.) 6 7 EXAMINER KINGERY: Let's go back on the record. 8 Mr. Small, you said that parties had had 9 some discussions about confidential testimony. 10 11 MR. SMALL: Yes, your Honor. And I think 12 Mr. Colbert is prepared to represent that most, with the exception of approximately a page and a half, of 13 14 the Whitlock cross-examination, his testimony 15 cross-examination, there is no need for it to be 16 under seal. He has a very small portion of it, and I 17 think he will also in a moment represent there needs to be -- as a result, there needs to be no redaction 18 of Mr. Haugh's supplemental testimony which is in 19 opposition to the stipulation. 20 21 EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you. Mr. Colbert? 22 23 MR. COLBERT: That's correct, your Honor. 24 The portion of the cross-examination of Mr. Whitlock

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                EXAMINER KINGERY:
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    references to the testimony -- I'm sorry, to the
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                MR. COLBERT: Those are references to the
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                MR. COLBERT: And dated April 10, 2007,
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                MR. SMALL: Furthermore, about the
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    Mr. Haugh.
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    Mr. Haugh's testimony being public nor the --
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                MR. SMALL: It is the OCC's intention to
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47 that it's pursuant to the decisions at the hearing 1 it's being filed in the public domain. 2 EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you. That will 3 4 be fine. Okay. MR. SAUER: The OCC calls Michael P. 5 Haugh to the stand and would like his prepared 6 7 March 9, 2007, testimony marked as OCC Exhibit No. RR-1. 8 EXAMINER KINGERY: It will be so marked. 9 10 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.) 11 MICHAEL P. HAUGH 12 13 being first duly sworn, as prescribed by law, was 14 examined and testified as follows: 15 DIRECT EXAMINATION 16 By Mr. Sauer: Please state your name for the record and 17 Ο. 18 your business address. Michael P. Haugh. My address is 10 West 19 Α. Broad Street, Suite 1800, Columbus, Ohio 43215. 20 21 And are you the same Michael P. Haugh 0. 22 whose prepared testimony now marked Exhibit No. RR-1 was filed in these cases? 23 24 Α. Yes.

And on whose behalf do you appear? 1 Q. On behalf of the Office of the Consumers' 2 Α. Counsel. 3 4 Q. Do you have your prepared testimony with you on the stand? 5 Α. I do. 6 7 Q. And did you prepare the testimony or have it prepared at your direction? 8 Α. I did. 9 Do you have any changes or corrections to 10 11 your prepared testimony? One correction on page 10, line 9, it is 12 a typo. It says: "Do you find other portions" --13 14 instead of O-D that should be O-F. It would read: 15 "Do you find other portions of the Commission's entry 16 on rehearing important in preparing your testimony?" 17 ο. And if I ask you today the same questions found in your prepared testimony in OCC Exhibit No. 18 RR-1, would your answers be the same? 19 Α. Yes. 20 The OCC moves for the 21 MR. SAUER: admission of OCC Exhibit RR-1 and tenders the witness 22 23 for cross-examination.

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EXAMINER KINGERY: Admission will be

considered after cross-examination. 1 2 MR. SAUER: Thank you, your Honor. EXAMINER KINGERY: Mr. D'Ascenzo. 3 4 CROSS-EXAMINATION 5 б By Mr. D'Ascenzo: Good morning, Mr. Haugh. 7 Q. Good morning. 8 9 Ο. What is your understanding of the 10 company's AAC price? I believe I state that in my testimony on 11 Α. 12 page 4 where I -- where I quote the definition from the company's application for rehearing where it is 13 "to recover costs associated with homeland security, 14 taxes and environmental compliance." 15 And the AAC is one component of Duke 16 Q. 17 Energy - Ohio's total MBSSO price; is that also your 18 understanding? 19 Α. Yes. And is it also your understanding that 20 21 the costs recovered through the AAC are generation related; is that correct? 22 23 Yes, that -- I believe I state that in my 24 testimony also.

Do you know if the AAC is avoidable for Q. 1 2 consumers? Α. The first 25 percent of residential 3 consumers that switch to a CRES provider avoid that, 4 and I believe it's the first 50 percent of 5 commercial/industrial customers that switch can avoid 6 the AAC. 7 And the AAC is 100 percent avoidable for 8 the customers that fall into those percentages, the 9 10 25 percent for residential and 50 percent for 11 nonresidential, correct? Α. Yes. They can avoid the entire AAC. 12 13 Mr. Haugh, in your testimony dated March 9, 2007, page 3, line 19, you make a 14 recommendation that CWIP should be excluded from the 15 company's AAC price; is that a correct 16 characterization? 17 Yes. CWIP should be excluded from the 18 revenue. 19 What is your understanding of CWIP? 20 It is a designation of construction that 21 Α. has not been completed, so I think the name is sort 22 of self-explanatory, construction work in progress. 23

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Do you know what the CWIP expenditures

in Duke Energy - Ohio's current AAC calculation are 1 2 for? In the AAC calculation in Mr. Wathen's 3 Α. testimony DE-Ohio is seeking a return on the CWIP 4 portion. 5 And what is that -- what is the CWIP 6 7 portion for? What is the CWIP portion for? 8 Α. Yes, what assets? Ο. 9 Oh, what assets. Oh, that would be -- I 10 11 believe he states it as assets related to environmental upgrades to the generation plants. 12 And what did -- would that include the Ο. 13 installation of scrubbers on the coal fired plants 14 15 Duke Energy - Ohio owns?

- A. His testimony doesn't get into that, what the exact expenditures were.
 - Q. What is your understanding?

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- A. I would assume that -- that a scrubber would be included in that.
 - Q. What does a scrubber do?
- A. A scrubber helps to -- it's sort of an addition that's placed on a power plant that would limit the emissions that are emitted from the power

| plant.

- Q. Mr. Haugh, have you performed any analysis to determine whether your recommendation regarding CWIP would impact any other components of Duke Energy Ohio's MBSSO?
- A. Meaning does the removal of CWIP affect any other part of?
 - Q. Have you performed any analysis?
- A. Any analysis regarding if the CWIP portion would affect any other portion of the MBSSO?
 - Q. Yes.
 - A. I have not.
- Q. Have you performed any analysis to determine whether Duke Energy Ohio would continue to invest in scrubbers if it were unable to recover the CWIP-related expenses to install scrubbers?

 THE WITNESS: Could you repeat the question, please?

(Question read.)

- A. No.
 - Q. A little bit ago you said that a scrubber can be used to reduce emission levels; is that a correction characterization of what you described previously?

1 Α. Yes. 2 Do you know if there were substitutes to scrubbers for controlling emissions? 3 Α. Yes. 4 And what are those? 0. 5 A few examples would be emission 6 7 allowances and/or different qualities of coal could Those would be two examples that I can 8 be used. think of at the moment. 9 Could an alternative be not running the 1.0 plant and instead purchasing power? 11 12 Α. Not running the plant would reduce the emissions completely. 13 Would you agree that in general the lower 14 15 the sulfur content in coal, the higher the price of 16 coal? 17 Α. Not necessarily. Are you at all familiar with the market 18 Ο. for emission allowances? 19 20 Α. I have a broad understanding of it. 21 0. And are you aware that the price for 22 emission allowances changes?

would assume the price for those would change.

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- Do you have any idea of what the range of 1 prices have been over the last two years? 2 No. 3 Α. Q. Have you performed any analysis regarding 4 what forward emission allowance prices might be? 5 Α. No. 6 7 Q. Mr. Haugh, are you -- would you consider yourself generally aware of the history of the 03-93 8 case which resulted in the establishment of Duke 9 Energy - Ohio's MBSSO? 10 11 Generally, yes. Α. Would you -- are you generally familiar 12 Q. with the pricing structure that the company filed as 1.3 its initial MBSSO in January of 2004? 14
 - A. No. The initial application was actually back in 2003.

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- Q. That is -- that is correct. The initial application was in January of 2003. I am referring to the rate stabilized MBSSO that was proposed in January of 2004.
 - A. Yes, generally familiar with that.
- Q. In the initial 03-93 proceeding, after the company filed its application for its rate stabilized MBSSO price, do you know if any OCC

witness opposed the inclusion of CWIP in Duke Energy 1 - Ohio's environmental compliance costs? 2 I believe OCC Witness Ross Pultz had an Α. 3 argument against the inclusion of CWIP from 4 Mr. Steffen's testimony. 5 And in approving the MBSSO price in its 6 November, 2004, entry on rehearing, do you know if 7 the Commission excluded CWIP from the AAC? 8 MR. SAUER: Object. Calls for a legal 9 conclusion. 10 11 EXAMINER KINGERY: Overruled. THE WITNESS: Could you repeat the 12 question, please? 13 (Question read.) 14 15 Now, I am not positive if it was the 16 opinion and order or if it was the entry on rehearing, but I know at one point the Commission did 17 reduce the amount of the AAC. 18 But did it exclude CWIP? 19 I don't believe it specifically stated 20 what it was excluding in the reduction -- when it 21 reduced the AAC. 22

performed any analysis to determine whether -- what

Have you looked at the schedules or

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- the numbers were that -- whether or not CWIP was
 excluded?
 - A. As to the specifics, no.
 - Q. Mr. Haugh, in your opinion does the cost of environmental cost compliance have an impact on the cost of capacity?
 - A. I suppose it could have an impact on the cost.
 - Q. Mr. Haugh, do you know how many competitive retail electric service providers are currently certified in Ohio?
 - A. Are currently certified in all of Ohio?
- 13 | O. Uh-huh.

- A. The exact number, no.
- Q. But you are aware that there are CRES providers certified in Ohio?
- A. Yes, yeah.
- Q. And have you reviewed any of the pricing structures of those CRES providers?
 - A. Now, currently I don't -- I am not sure if there are -- at least for the residential class, I don't believe there are any offers out there at the current time. As for the past, I have looked at what was offered in the past.

Q. Have you audited and reviewed those offers that were made in the past?

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- A. What do you mean by audited?
- Q. Do you know what factors went -- those CRES providers took into consideration in developing the price that they were offering into the market?
- A. No. I didn't question individual suppliers.
- Q. So you don't know if those CRES providers could have taken into consideration environmental planned expenses such as CWIP?
 - A. No, I don't know that specifically.
- Q. In your opinion and understanding, you are not an attorney, do you know of any reason why a CRES provider couldn't consider CWIP-related expenses for environmental compliance in determining a price that it was willing to sell in the market?
- A. Going back to my original statement regarding environmental compliance, emission allowances, the different variations to keep within regulations of clean air -- different clean air regulations that I believe you would set your market price based on what you are doing at that time, being that if you are buying low sulfur coal, you would --

would result in one price of the generation coming
out of your plant.

If you were purchasing emission allowances to cover the -- to cover the emissions that are coming out, then that would be another pricing. And if you were up to -- if you were up to compliance, your price would be based on that. So I don't know if you would be collecting for something that's not operating at that time.

- Q. But my question was is there anything that would prevent them from considering on --
- A. I suppose they could consider it. I don't know if it's a logical way to get your price.
- Q. Going back to page 3, line 17 of your

 March 9 testimony, you recommend that the company's

 AAC be audited like the SRT and FPP; is that correct?
 - A. Yes, that's correct.
- Q. And the SRT and FPP are currently audited by an outside auditor, outside meaning other than the Commission; is that correct?
 - A. That's correct, yes.
- Q. Mr. Haugh, do you know how much the SRT and FPP audits cost?

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A. No, I don't.

- Q. Mr. Haugh, are you aware of the current process by which Duke Energy Ohio can change its AAC price on an annual basis?

 A. I believe the -- once again, I am not sure if it was the opinion and order or entry on rehearing, but the Commission stated that they -- to increase the AAC can only be done annually and must seek Commission approval.
- Q. And the company must file -- file an application; is that correct?
 - A. Yes, I believe that's part of it also.
- Q. Mr. Haugh, do you know if OCC has an opportunity to intervene in the case if the company files to amend its AAC price?
 - A. I would assume.
- Q. And if OCC does intervene, doesn't it also have the ability to conduct discovery?
- A. Yes.

- Q. And if OCC intervenes and conducts discovery, it has the ability to oppose whatever price Duke Energy Ohio applies for and -- for support and litigate, if need be; isn't that correct?
- A. Yes. But I believe that an audit -- an auditor would be able to more fully examine what is

the appropriateness of what's being included in the AAC.

- Q. Well, Mr. Haugh, doesn't OCC employ a technical staff?
- A. Yes. But I believe an MP auditor would be more fully able to audit the appropriateness of what is being included in the AAC.
- Q. So you don't think OCC would be able to do that?
- A. To do an MP audit? A full MP and financial audit would be very difficult for the OCC to conduct, mainly given the short time frame that these cases are turned around.
- Q. Is there a specified time frame for these cases?
- A. I know that the AAC was -- prior to all of the extensions it was -- it was pretty quick, if I am not mistaken. And, again, this has been pushed off for quite a while so I very well could be mistaken.
- Q. Do you have any reason to believe that the Commission's staff is not capable of conducting an audit of the company's AAC filing?
 - A. I don't have any opinion really as to the

ability of the staff's. 1 2 MR. D'ASCENZO: No further questions. **EXAMINER KINGERY:** 3 Thank you. Mr. Boehm? 4 MR. BOEHM: No questions. 5 EXAMINER KINGERY: Mr. Neilsen? 6 7 MR. NEILSEN: No questions, your Honor. EXAMINER KINGERY: Mr. O'Brien? 8 9 MR. O'BRIEN: No questions. 10 MS. CHRISTENSEN: No questions. 11 EXAMINER KINGERY: Staff? 12 MR. REILLY: Thank you, your Honor. 13 14 CROSS-EXAMINATION 15 By Mr. Reilly: 16 ٥. Mr. Haugh, just to follow up on a few things, were you -- regarding your most recent answer 17 18 to Mr. D'Ascenzo's questions, do you feel that the Commission staff has the ability to track -- to track 19 costs incurred by the company through their books to 20 verify them, the staff has that ability? 21 22 I really don't have an opinion as to the staff's tracking of costs. 23

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    conducting the audit, so I don't want to present an
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    opinion as to their ability to conduct such an audit.
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                EXAMINER KINGERY: Just to clarify for
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    purposes of the record, you are talking about staff
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    of the Commission here in these questions.
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                 THE WITNESS: Staff of the commission,
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    yes.
                 MR. REILLY: Thank you, your Honor.
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    have nothing further.
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                 Redirect?
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                 MR. SAUER:
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record obviously. 1 (Discussion off the record.) 2 EXAMINER KINGERY: Let's go back on the 3 record. 4 MR. SAUER: We just have a couple of 5 questions for redirect, your Honor. 6 EXAMINER KINGERY: Fine. Go ahead. 7 8 9 REDIRECT EXAMINATION By Mr. Sauer: 10 Mr. Haugh, do you recall Mr. D'Ascenzo's 11 questions regarding your recommendation regarding use 12 of an outside auditor for the AAC charge? 13 14 Α. Yes. 15 And were you also present this morning when Mr. Tufts testified? 16 17 Α. Yes. 18 Ο. And what is your recommendation for the audit of the AAC charge? 19 Well, I would -- I would envision this to 20 Α. be more of a management performance audit similar to 21 what was conducted in the FPP and SRT cases where 22 they would not just verify the financial data but 23

also that the level of appropriateness of all the

charges that are included in the AAC and the -- in my 1 testimony I -- on page 10 I quote that the 2 Commission, that it will consider the reasonableness 3 of all the expenditures that go into the AAC, and 4 they want to ensure that the rates are market based. 5 And that was -- that's sort of what I am looking for 6 7 is to ensure that they are, in fact, appropriate and market based. Thank you, Mr. Haugh. 9 MR. SAUER: EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you. 10 Recross? 11 MR. D'ASCENZO: Yes, your Honor, a few 12 13 questions. 14 15 RECROSS-EXAMINATION 16 By Mr. D'Ascenzo: Mr. Haugh, are you generally familiar 17 Q. with audits that occur during a traditional rate 18 19 case? Not directly familiar. 20 Α. Do you know if traditionally in a rate 21 Q. case staff conducts a management performance audit? 22 Α. I'm not specifically sure of that, if a 23

management performance audit is conducted.

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MR. D'ASCENZO:
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                  EXAMINER KINGERY:
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                                     Thank you.
                  Mr. Boehm?
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                  MR. BOEHM: No questions, your Honor.
                  MR. NEILSEN: No questions.
                  MS. CHRISTENSEN:
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                  MS. MOONEY: No questions.
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                  EXAMINER KINGERY: You may step down.
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                  (Witness excused.)
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                  EXAMINER KINGERY: I believe the next
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     witness that we had determined would go today would
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     a pending motion for the admission of Mr. Haugh's
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     testimony, OCC Remand Rider Exhibit 1. Is there any
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                  Hearing none it will be admitted.
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                  (EXHIBIT ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)
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PAUL G. SMITH 1 being first duly sworn, as prescribed by law, was 2 examined and testified as follows: 3 DIRECT EXAMINATION 4 By Mr. Colbert: 5 Good morning, Mr. Smith. 6 7 Α. Good morning. Mr. Smith, do you have in front of you 8 0. 9 what has now been marked as DE-Ohio Remand Rider Exhibit 6? 10 11 A. I do. 12 0. And is that your direct testimony filed 13 in these proceedings? Yes, it is. 14 Α. 15 Ο. And was that testimony prepared under your supervision and direction? 16 17 Α. Yes, it was. And do you have any changes, amendments, 18 0. corrections to that testimony? 19 Α. No, I do not. 20 21 MR. COLBERT: Your Honor, Mr. Smith is available for cross-examination. 22 23 EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you very much. MR. SMALL: Your Honor, as a preliminary 24

matter, I have one motion to strike.

EXAMINER KINGERY: Okay.

MR. SMALL: Page 4, line 18, last word of line 18 and continuing through the first three words of line 20, a single sentence. In that sentence Mr. Smith purports to understand staff's evaluation of DE-Ohio's application. I purport he has no personal knowledge and can't even formulate an opinion regarding that matter.

MR. COLBERT: Your Honor, Mr. Smith does indeed have personal knowledge. He was the person from the company's perspective that had and supervised the interaction with the staff, and he certainly is entitled to voice his opinion on the thoroughness and completeness of staff's audit. And that is all that that sentence represents.

MR. SMALL: Your Honor, that's not what it represents. He does not -- he does not testify about what he provided to the company -- to the staff and his interaction with the staff. He testifies as to what the staff did.

EXAMINER KINGERY: We are going to hold a ruling on this until after cross-examination.

MR. SMALL: Thank you, your Honor.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

By Mr. Small:

- Q. Mr. Smith, I am sure you know I am Jeff Small, and I represent the Ohio Consumers' Counsel.
 - A. I do, and good morning.
- Q. Good morning. The stipulation that you referred to on page 2 of your testimony, I think people understand this, but the stipulation that you are referring to is the stipulation that was filed in this case on April 9, 2007; is that correct?
 - A. That is correct.
 - Q. Okay.
- EXAMINER KINGERY: Mr. Small, I believe your microphone is not on. Okay.
 - MR. SMALL: Maybe I am not close enough.
- Q. All right. Now, regarding your statement that we just went over during some of the preliminaries, on page 4 starting with line -- on lines basically on 19 and 20 of your testimony -- you have your testimony in front of you, don't you?
 - A. I do.
- Q. Do you have the stipulation? Do you have the stipulation with you on the stand?
 - A. I do have a copy.

1	Q. Regarding your statement that
2	regarding staff's thorough review on page 4 and lines
3	18 through 20, is it your understanding that
4	Mr. Cahaan was responsible for the staff's position
5	regarding the SRT in this case?
6	A. Yes. I believe Mr. Cahaan was
7	participating in the audits or supervised Mr. Tufts,
8	Ms. Smith, Mr. Erickson. I believe there was one
9	other individual.
10	Q. Have you read Mr. Cahaan's testimony?
11	A. His supplemental testimony, yes, I have.
12	Q. He states that, doesn't he?
13	A. Yes, he does.
14	Q. And, I'm sorry, I think you responded by
15	saying who assisted Mr. Cahaan.
16	A. Correct. I am aware of at least three
17	individuals on site.
18	Q. On site, could you explain that?
19	A. Yeah, individuals that I met with at
20	least on one occasion there in Cincinnati.
21	Q. Okay. When you say "on site," you mean
22	that they came to the Duke Energy - Ohio's offices?
23	A. As part of their audit they also visited
24	our generating facilities.

Q. Okay. Now, you are referring to what 1 Mr. Tufts was describing earlier this morning? 2 Α. That would have been part of the audit, 3 4 correct. Who was responsible for the staff 5 Ο. positions regarding the FPP? 6 7 Α. I do not know. 0. And who is responsible for the staff 8 positions regarding the AAC? 9 10 I do not know. 11 Do you know who on staff worked on the FPP matters? 12 13 Again, all of the audits were performed Α. 14 simultaneously, so the FPP was going on at a similar 15 time frame as the AAC, as the SRT. We could have seen several individuals, again, the three 16 individuals I referred to before. 17 0. Would you please turn to page 5 of your 18 testimony and line 19. And there's a statement that 19 the -- regarding what constitutes a market price in 20 Ohio's deregulated environment for competitive retail 21 electric service. Do you see that? 22 Yes, I do. 23 Α.

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Do you rely -- in this part of your

testimony do you rely upon the testimony of other witnesses in this case, for instance, Mr. Rose, Mr. Steffen, Mr. Whitlock, other company witnesses, or do you propose you are in a position to add substantively to that testimony?

- A. I think in terms of their own testimony as well as the advice of counsel.
- Q. What I am -- the question, though, is are you adding to that testimony?
 - A. No, I am not.
- Q. On page 6, line 1 of your testimony, you mentioned that the stipulation is a compromise. Do you see that?
 - A. I do.

- Q. Now, if you could turn to paragraph 2 of the stipulation. And I think you said you had it on the stand.
 - A. Yes, I have it.
- Q. There's a statement about the -- it's paragraph 2 and it's the last -- last part of paragraph 2 it refers to withdrawal of the auditor's recommendation to on page 1 -- 1-9 of the audit report. Do you see that?
 - A. I do.

Q. And this compromise that you mentioned in your testimony is the withdrawal of the recommendation to -- that's in paragraph 2 of the stipulation, is that part of what the company gained as part of the give and take as far as the stipulation was concerned?

- A. No. I don't believe so. I think over the course of the negotiations and settlement we were able to discuss thoroughly the auditor's recommendation with staff and the other parties, and I think they, too, came to the conclusion that active management represents a least cost strategy. So I would -- I don't take that as a concession on either side.
- Q. What is your understanding of recommendation 2 on 1-9 of the audit report?
- A. That the auditor was questioning the need to actively manage the portfolio on a daily basis rather than a quarterly, semi-annually, or annually basis.
- Q. And the practices that the auditor criticized were that -- on a short-term -- that the company is making coal purchases on a short-term and spot basis with almost nothing being purchased after

December of 2008; is that correct?

- A. That is true. The company is not purchasing any of those inputs post-2008.
- Q. Do you understand what the transactional costs are for DE-Ohio's active management of its coal purchases?
 - A. I do.
- Q. Mr. Schwartz in his testimony -- I believe you were present for Mr. Schwartz's testimony; is that correct?
 - A. I was.
- Q. Mr. Schwartz did not seem to believe he had been presented with information on or he had information on the transactional costs and whether -- and questioned whether they were worthwhile from a consumer's standpoint. Do you recall that part of his testimony?
- A. I do. And I think that's part of the concession here. I think he is not familiar with it because that's a cost recovery from customers, so the company and its shareholders bear that cost, thus, what he is citing as an incremental cost, in fact, was not and perhaps the reason for the withdrawal of that recommendation.

Q. And you did not go through that with the auditor; is that what you are saying?

- A. He either forgot or was not aware of it at the time of his report, but I think subsequently he did become aware of it, yes.
- Q. Would you agree with me his subsequent awareness was not presented in his cross-examination last week?
- A. I don't think I heard any questions regarding recoverability of broker costs.
- Q. Well, I didn't say broker costs. I said transaction costs.
- A. Similar, I think I understood

 Mr. Whitlock on the stand to refer to the broker

 fees. That's the bulk of the transaction costs I

 think that the auditor referred to, yes.
- Q. What other transaction costs are -- and you are correct. I included in my term transactional costs broker costs but there would be other transactional costs in doing active management, correct?
- A. Most definitely. One of the other costs would be back room or office, the accountants, the time that they take. The good news in the MBSSO

world, we recover none of our accounting costs. That portion of our generation was set in 1992 long before the markets developed; therefore, those costs are passed through to the customers. Again, the company is absorbing those costs, and the FPP customers are not.

- Q. What are the other transactional costs that are involved?
- A. Those are the two largest, and I consider them very minimal costs that are incurred to actively manage the portfolio, and those costs far outweigh the gains in the reduction in the costs that are passed through to customers.
- Q. Your response is not responsive to my question, and I had asked what the transaction costs are and, you know, the size of it is in the eye of the beholders. But what are the categories of transaction costs that are needed for the active management?
- A. I think of third-party costs, which would be the brokers, and I think of internal costs, which are primarily management time and the financial or accounting organizational time. Again, all of those, I think, are not passed through.

Q. Individuals that carry out the transactions internally. I think you talked about management time.

A. Correct. Mr. Whitlock's group would be

- A. Correct. Mr. Whitlock's group would be the group that manages the daily portfolio.
- Q. And so that would be a large portion of the transactional costs that we have been discussing?
- A. No. I don't think it's a large number at all. I think when you are managing something daily, the cost to manage it daily is obviously much less than if you tried to manage it quarterly.
- Q. I don't think you understood the question. The question had to do with its proportionality of total transaction costs. I don't have any numbers before us as far as the size of these numbers at all, but I'm asking about proportionality as part of the transactional costs.
- A. Yeah. I would think total FPP recoveries in excess of 400 million, I think the transactional costs we are talking about here are under 100,000, and, therefore, you are right, I would consider them a very small portion of the cost.
- Q. You don't seem to ever want to answer my question which has to do with the proportionality of

the total transactional costs. I didn't ask you about the transactional costs of the parts, so let's start again.

MR. COLBERT: I am going to object, your Honor. The attorney is badgering the witness and being argumentative. The witness is doing his best to answer the question, and he could ask the questions in a more respectful manner.

EXAMINER KINGERY: Overruled.

- Q. I think maybe we need to reorganize here a little bit. Going back to the transactional costs, and we have established they are beyond the broker costs, could you please list what you consider to be the components of transactional costs for the active management of the coal anti-emission allowances.
- A. Right. I think in terms of third-party costs, the brokers. In terms of internal costs, I would consider it internal labor costs. That would be managerial time and accounting time. And, again, I think to -- as to managerial time, it's not like we would reduce one individual, you know. It represents just a portion of that person's day. It's like filling out time sheets at the end of the day. If you didn't have to fill out time sheets, there

| wouldn't be much of a labor savings to a company.

In this particular case Mr. Whitlock, if he did not manage daily, he would still be compensated the way he is. He would still take on the same activities he does on a daily basis but for the few minutes he spends managing that portfolio. The accountants similarly, they are managing and accounting for a variety of activities. The daily portfolio balancing is one of those.

- Q. Is this the extent of the transactional costs you can come up with?
 - A. Those are all I can think of, yes.
- Q. All right. As far as -- turning back to the stipulation, and I think this is going to be related to the set of questions I just asked, if you could turn to paragraph 3 of the stipulation, April stipulation.
 - A. Yes, I have it.
- Q. And there is -- on the fifth line of that paragraph it mentions the auditor's finding, 6 at page 1-8. Do you see that?
 - A. I apologize, which paragraph?
- Q. Paragraph 3, line 5 of that paragraph. I am in the April stipulation.

A. Okay.

- Q. I am on page 5, paragraph 3.
- A. Yes.
- Q. On line -- on the fifth line of that there is a mention of auditor's finding 6 at --
 - A. Yes, I have that.
- Q. -- 1-8. We are in the same place?
 What's your understanding of that auditor's finding?
- A. Yes. It appeared the auditor was making a finding, not a recommendation but a finding, that by not purchasing coal emission allowances and power for post-2008, that the market had an opportunity to run up. We had not hedged those potential future costs, and he thought it would be perhaps in the consumer's best interest to begin procuring those inputs.

I might add the company does agree that beginning to secure post-2008 inputs does make sense. The problem is the company, therefore, would bear the risk of that and that's something that I think all the parties in the settlement discussion understood was something the company would not be able to entertain.

Q. All right. Would you please turn to page

6 of your testimony, and down on lines 20 through 21, and here you refer to adequate, reliable, safe, efficient, nondiscriminatory, reasonably-priced electric service -- I'm sorry -- retail electric service through DE-Ohio. Do you see that?

A. I do.

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- Q. Would DE-Ohio provide inadequate retail electric service if the stipulation was not approved but the Commission just decided this case on the merits? What I am missing here is why in the stipulation is it important for these items.
- A. Well, I think the continued financial stability of the company is important to this stipulation and to the ongoing performance, and I think the extent you become financially distressed, then perhaps the operation and the maintenance of the units would become jeopardized.
- Q. But in asking the question I was comparing the stipulation versus the Commission making the decision on the merits of the evidence presented in this case. So what does the stipulation add as far as providing adequate service?
- A. I think it ensures the pricing that we think is appropriate. The Commission can certainly

rule any way it deems appropriate.

- Q. And the question is when they rule -- if they made a ruling on the merits, would DE-Ohio provide inadequate service?
 - A. No, it would not.
- Q. If they made a ruling on the merits, would DE-Ohio be providing unreliable service?

MR. COLBERT: Objection, your Honor.

Mr. Small has now asked a series of questions asking the witness to speculate as to what the Commission's decision in this case might be and compare that speculated decision to the stipulation. You know, the witness has no knowledge of how the Commission might decide the case and what effects that might have on the consumers or the company.

MR. SMALL: The testimony in this case -I understand the company's position that they -- what
they want out of the Commission in the financial
reports they asked from the Commission. What I don't
understand in this piece of testimony is why the
stipulation is providing this.

I understand that the company's position is that the MBSSO that it desires provides for these items. I just don't understand and I want to explore

how the stipulation helps and that's what his 1 testimony is about, how the stipulation is an 2 improvement over just a decision on the merits. 3 4 EXAMINER KINGERY: The objection is overruled. 5 MR. SMALL: I think would you like the 6 7 last question read? Please. THE WITNESS: 8 MR. SMALL: Could we have that. 9 (Question read.) 10 11 Α. And I don't know. How does the stipulation improve the 12 Q. efficiency of Duke Energy's retail electric service? 13 14 I think the -- as discussed earlier by 15 Mr. Haugh, the use of and recovery of costs related 16 to environmental equipment allows the company to employ lower costs and more efficient means to comply 17 with our environmental regulations. 18 Is that what efficient means? I'm asking 19 Ο. what does efficient mean. 20 That would be one definition of 21 Α. 22 efficiency. 23 0. How does the stipulation aid in reducing or eliminating discrimination? 24

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1 EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you. As well as 2 your comment. 3 MR. COLBERT: Yes, thank you. Frankly, I 4 didn't anticipate the answer. MR. SMALL: We are all getting an 5 appreciation how difficult this is. 6 EXAMINER KINGERY: 7 Yes. MR. SMALL: We certainly appreciate a lot 8 of that difficulty ourselves. 9 10 (By Mr. Small) Would you please turn to 11 page 7, line 9 of your testimony. And really the 12 question here is the same as I have been asking, 13 which is I understand that the company's position in 14 this case -- litigation position on what the company 15 wants for pricing, but how does the stipulation aid 16 the reliable, firm generation service for 17 customers -- for consumers that you mentioned? 18 I think the key phrasing in this Α. Yeah. 19 particular sentence is for a reasonable price. 20 yes, there will continue to be reliable, firm 21 generation at a reasonable market price. 22 Ο. Okay. So you are not suggesting that 23 there is going to be unreliable, unfirm generation

service if we don't approve the stipulation.

I think the opposite might be true, 1 Α. No. that not approving the stipulation might lead to an 2 unreasonable market price. 3 4 Q. Right. I think we are on -- you are concentrating on the second part, but I am asking 5 about the first part. You are not suggesting there 6 7 is any unreliable, unfirm generation service if we don't --8 Correct. 9 Α. MR. SMALL: Okay. At this point if you 10 11 will excuse me if I don't do this completely artfully, but I am going to ask that -- ask that the 12 document of clarification of April 9, 2007, that was 13 14 previously read into the -- read by Mr. Reilly be 15 marked and that -- and let's call that -- I would 16 like it marked as OCC Remand Rider Exhibit --EXAMINER KINGERY: So far we have had 17 only one, but you may be saving some. 18 19 MR. SMALL: I am saving No. 2 for Mr. Haugh's supplemental testimony, so I would like 20 it marked as 3, please. 21

EXAMINER KINGERY: Yes. It will be so marked Remand Rider 3 OCC.

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- Do you have that on the stand? 1 Q. I do. 2 Α. Were you present earlier -- I mean 3 Q. earlier, I mean last week when Mr. Whitlock was 4 examined? 5 Α. I was. 6 Mr. Whitlock was examined regarding 7 Q. paragraph 8 of the stipulation; is that correct? 8 Α. Yes, he was. 9 Is it your understanding that at least 10 11 partly as a result of that cross-examination, what we've marked as OCC Remand Rider Exhibit 3 was 12 prepared? 1.3 14 Α. Yes. That's part of it, yes. 15 Now, I have -- sorry we don't have line 16 numbers and so forth so we are going to have to work on this a little carefully. Paragraph 2, for short 17 version I would just call it Exhibit 3, it's OCC 18 Remand Exhibit 3, but Exhibit 3, paragraph 2 on the 19 very first page, I have as a significant part of the 20
- 23 | A. I do.

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Q. Could you explain this clarification with

clarification here the use of the words "emergency"

and "intermittent." Do you see that?

respect to emergency, intermittent?

- A. I think emergency, as Mr. Whitlock described, would be to sudden changes in either the supply or the load side of our equation, meeting the demand, that being could either be caused by a unit being forced out, which happens periodically, or a sudden rise in the load due to weather or other factors. So those would be what I would consider emergency. And then the intermittent means periodically or intermittent opportunity.
- Q. And those words, as I understand it, provide additional limitations on what the company -- how the company would use the assets in addition to the words that were in the stipulation itself; is that -- is that a fair statement?
- A. Yeah. I think the stipulation quantified kind of emergency as a seven-day kind of period, and I think there was some uncertainty as to could you have periods of time in which you might have a need within seven days and then have another need within seven days from that event.
- Q. So that you would tack it on and there would essentially be no limitation at all?
 - A. Perhaps, or you could look back at 2006

and you might see we had a couple of events where we purchased short-term power two seven-day periods in a row. Infrequent, I think it happened only once or twice in 2006, but it does occur and can occur because, again, emergency isn't, unfortunately, scheduled.

- Q. One concern that I have about this situation, and I am really referring to the whole interpretation and the cross-examination of Mr. Whitlock, what would prevent -- under the clarification that's represented here, what would prevent the company having overlapping seven-day periods?
- A. Yeah. I think nothing. For example, if we were forced by an outage at a unit, if we see it as boiler tube leaks, which typically take four to five days to repair, and we go in and we shut down the unit for four or five days, and we see it's more than boiler tubes, something also has happened, coal sludge has built up in the bottom of the boiler, that may take an additional five or six days.

Well, you have now come into two consecutive seven-day periods again near term. It's not a long-term usage, but I think we were purposely

open to emergencies can happen back to back, and hopefully they don't.

- Q. Well, I guess that leads to some additional confusion on my part. It says, and now I am at the bottom of page 1 of Exhibit 3 and going to the top of page 2, this has to do with consecutive use of what is referred to as the DENA assets, "DE-Ohio must obtain Commission approval before using such capacity during the second seven-day period."

 Do you see that?
 - A. And I agree, yes.
 - Q. You would agree to what?
 - A. I agree that's what the --
 - Q. What it says?
 - A. The clarification now is.
- Q. Oh, okay. Does this approval process that is contained in Exhibit 3 apply to the overlapping seven-day periods we just discussed, or it appears to purport to only be concerning two consecutive -- two consecutive seven-day periods?
- A. I read the bottom of page 1 during two consecutive seven-day periods. I would agree.
- Q. Okay. So if you have overlapping, then the company doesn't need approval for that; is that

what you are saying?

- A. Define -- I'm sorry. How you are defining overlapping?
- Q. Two seven-day periods, part of which include the same days.
- A. I would consider -- I think anything beyond a seven-day window becomes a second consecutive seven-day, so yes. To the extent you have gone -- we purchased within a seven-day period and we need to purchase what would be an eighth-day relative to the first day we purchased, I would agree that becomes a second seven-day period.

EXAMINER KINGERY: In other words, it would take prior Commission approval to use the DENA assets for an eighth day.

THE WITNESS: Correct. Once we reach past the seventh day to the eighth day relative to the day we had a purchase, I would consider that a second seven-day period that is now falling under this clarification.

Q. Let me explore overlapping a little bit. Wouldn't it be possible to have a capacity purchase for days 1 through 7 and another capacity purchase for days 7 through 13? I am not talking about an

eighth day. I am talking about overlapping periods.

- A. Well, I think if -- your overlap period example being day seven.
- Q. In this example it would be day seven, but we could come up with a different combination.
- A. We would assume we had 100 megawatts. We need 100 megawatts on day seven. When we get out to day five or six, we see we no longer have a need for 100 megawatts on day seven. We have an additional need for additional 100 megawatts or 200 megawatts on day seven. I consider that to be within the first seven-day window.

Now, to the extent 200 megawatts continues to day 8, 9, or 10, I believe day 8 would become a second seven consecutive day and, therefore, would require the Commission approval.

Q. So your understanding of this limitation is that the example that I gave of overlapping, not just -- not just tacking, which I mean there is no overlap at all, they are just right next to one another so the two -- tacking I am referring to days 1 through 7 and then 8 through 14, that this covers overlapping. When I say this, I mean requiring Commission approval covers overlapping as well as

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- A. I agree.
- Q. I am not sure I made that as a statement. That was a question.
- A. Oh, again, I think that eighth day, the purchases for day eight or later will require Commission approval.

Q. Okay.

EXAMINER KINGERY: And by the same token, if there were one day in between two purchases, one through seven and then nine, et cetera, it would not require Commission approval.

THE WITNESS: That's right. I would say you are talking again -- well, I am going to back up. I don't think -- I apologize. I may have misled you. I do think -- once you have got a time period in between I think you do require -- you do not require Commission approval, so I would say there's a window in there. They are not consecutive periods.

Q. Okay. So the new limitation would work for overlapping and for periods that touched, I called it tacking, touched one another, but if there was days one through seven and day eight there wasn't anything, day nine and went on for another week, that

1 | wouldn't be covered by this limitation?

- A. That's not my interpretation. That may be the staff's but that would not be my reading of this document.
- Q. How do you envision the Commission approval process taking place? Let me continue my question. These assets that would be used according to the provisions that we mentioned earlier for emergency and on an intermittent basis, what I am not following is how something could get Commission approval based on an emergency condition.
- A. That's certainly a concern. I mean, emergency implies short time frame and literally a number of days, and I think the staff has committed to work with us to get that approval, but it does say Commission approval, not Commission staff approval, and that's, again, putting an additional burden on the Commission.

EXAMINER FARKAS: So are you saying you need a Commission order or entry?

THE WITNESS: I am going to leave that to the attorney.

EXAMINER FARKAS: Okay.

THE WITNESS: I apologize.

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MR. COLBERT: If you want clarification, 1 2 the answer is, yes, we believe that's what everybody is talking about is you would need a Commission order 3 as the witness said. That's of some concern, 4 frankly, and I will speak for the company here. 5 The reason that we have some comfort is 6 7 that we believe we are all talking about a situation that has never occurred and is never likely to occur. 8 You know, we have had needs for one day before I 9 10 believe twice, so we were comfortable agreeing to 11 such a clarification and indeed to the provision in the first instance. These are rare events and we 12 13 have no expectation that the event we are talking 14 about will ever happen. 15 EXAMINER FARKAS: Well, what would happen 16 in the event that you needed Commission approval and it was Friday, let's say, and the Commission is not 17 going to meet until Wednesday the following week? 18 19 What happens? THE WITNESS: Yeah, I think --20 21 EXAMINER FARKAS: What does the company do? 22 23 THE WITNESS: I think we need to keep in 24 perspective what the DENA assets are trying to do.

Can we acquire assets at a lower cost elsewhere? It we don't have Commission approval, we are going to have to go to the market at whatever cost and that cost is going to be one that we would have said we would have preferred not to, but this -- this clarification, this settlement, and the OCC's objection to that plan altogether is one we would have to -- again, we will have to bear the market price.

- Q. One other small item. If you could turn to the paragraph 8 that's been the subject of this examination.
 - A. Not the clarification of page 8?
- Q. No, the actual stipulation. Actually, it doesn't make any difference. It's in both documents.
 - A. It appears in both.
- Q. Line 2 of paragraph 8 uses the word
 "purchases." Do you agree with me that's an
 inappropriate word because there is no purchase
 taking place here? The assets are owned by DE-Ohio;
 is that correct?
 - A. I completely agree with you.
- Q. And the word "purchase" is really not appropriate.

I think we are talking about what Α. Yes. 1 type and amount of recovery is allowed so. 2 It's a discussion of pricing, not a Q. 3 matter of purchasing because you can't purchase from 4 yourself; is that correct? 5 Completely agree. Α. 6 MR. SMALL: Excuse me. 7 I got off my place a little bit when we improvised. 8 9 EXAMINER KINGERY: That's fine. 1.0 Q. Turn to page 5 of your testimony. 11 am going to refer throughout generally to lines 1 12 through 14 of that page. Yes, I have it. 13 Α. 14 Q. Therein you discuss -- basically you go 15 over discussions with various parties regarding the stipulation; is that correct? 16 17 Α. That's correct. Are you familiar with the communications 18 Q. that the company had with OCC regarding proposals for 19 terms of the stipulation? 20 21 I'm familiar with some of them, perhaps Α. not all of them. 22 Does your knowledge -- this part of your 23

testimony refers to far as I can tell the early

stages November of 2006. That's found in line 6.

Does your knowledge of the -- these discussions
extend prior to November of 2006?

A. No, it does not.

- Q. At any point in time do you believe that CG&E provided the OCC with any work papers or other data supporting how it would propose to use the DENA assets -- I don't mean use, price as we discussed earlier?
- A. We would have -- we would have discussed it in person there in November prior to the -- to the remand. We would have -- we distributed a document with initial proposals shortly thereafter the remand in anticipation of a second meeting. We did not hold that meeting the first week in December. I'm not aware of any other alternatives that were communicated.
- Q. But my question specifically referred to work papers and other supporting data, not proposals by the company, not, you know, we propose the use of DENA assets or something like that but work papers and data that would give the OCC comfort as far as limited use of DENA assets. Do you recall any communications along those lines?

Again, when we are forward looking, I 1 Α. don't know how you would -- what kind of work paper 2 you could provide in that type of a discussion so, 3 4 no, I am not aware of any. MR. SMALL: I would like to try to figure 5 out where we are on our exhibits. 4? I would like 6 7 to have a document marked as OCC Exhibit Remand Rider 4. 8 EXAMINER KINGERY: It will be so marked. 9 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.) 10 Mr. Smith, do you have Exhibit 4 in front 11 Q. of you? 12 Α. T do. 13 Were you aware that DE-Ohio signed a 14 15 stipulation with the OCC and other parties which is 16 shown as OCC Remand Rider Exhibit 4? 17 Α. I see Mr. Colbert's signature, yes. But were you aware of before seeing this 18 0. 19 document there had been a stipulation entered into? In the prior year's audit, yes. 20 Α. Would you turn to page 5 of the remainder 21 Ο. of paragraph 8 that starts on the previous page. 22 23 the last portion of it is a little footnote there at 3, and I am going to start reading after footnote 3. 24

"CG&E shall provide OCC with work papers and other data supporting the use of DENA assets as part of the SRT." And that's the portion that I was concerned about. I actually read that to you in my question earlier. Are you saying in response to your -- my earlier question are you saying there was nothing to provide to the OCC? Because this document seems to promise the OCC information.

A. Yeah. I think this was if we sought recovery, we would provide. Again, I think that's historical versus prospective view. This would say to the extent we are seeking recovery, we would provide the work papers. I think in terms of the stipulation we are talking about the prospective view. In which case we can determine what documentation and audit trail is appropriate.

So I don't -- I don't see this being related to the settlement and what we are proposing today whatsoever. I see this as a request for recovery of an already or preexisting event.

Q. How do you square that answer with the fact that the second part of that sentence discusses that proposal and a hearing? Isn't a fair reading of this sentence that the data -- the work papers and

other data will be provided in order to provide OCC with comfort prior to an application by the company? And then if the OCC objects, then there will be a hearing. Otherwise, there could be a stipulation. Isn't that a fair reading of that sentence?

MR. COLBERT: Objection, your Honor.

Objection. This has been answered. The witness has already answered he believes that that -- the data would need to be provided based on an event that has occurred. It's a historical look, and the stipulation we are talking about here and considering is a forward event and would define the type of data that would need to be provided in the event that such an event occurred, and, frankly, we are having a hearing. That's what we are doing.

MR. SMALL: There's no dispute we are having a hearing. What we are disputing is whether OCC received the information and whether the company has breached this part of the stipulation.

EXAMINER KINGERY: We are going to allow the question.

- Q. That was a long question.
- A. Yeah, if you don't mind repeating or reading it back.

MR. SMALL: I guess I would like you to reread the question.

(Question read.)

- A. I think the way I would like to characterize it, again, not being a party, not being involved in these discussions a year ago, but the way I would read this is a historical view. Once we sought recovery in an SRT, we would provide the work papers and supporting data as part of the SRT and the hearing that was a part of that filing, which in this case is this particular proceeding.
- Q. I'm not sure I understand that question.

 If your interpretation of this is the work papers and data supporting the use of DENA assets which are referred to here is after the fact, then the hearing that's referred to in this sentence would also be the hearing after they were used.
- A. I agree or when they sought recovery, I agree.
 - Q. Not this hearing but a future hearing.
- A. Correct, in the recovery hearing which we have annually with this particular rider.
- Q. What work papers and other data supporting the use of DENA assets would you

anticipate the company would be able to provide in that setting? You know, I am using your interpretation now of it. There was some statement earlier that there -- that you didn't know what information could be provided. Now, let's put it in the setting you have in a recovery hearing. What work papers and other supporting -- data support could be provided at that point?

- A. Right. I think the way I view that, and I think there is a discovery response that provided this answer, but to the extent we received quotes from brokers or from the market, we are relying on the market or specific brokers, we can provide that in the form of an e-mail, instant messaging. We can record voice communications with brokers. I think all of those can become the documentation in support.
- Q. Well, they can be but will they? I mean, that depends especially on the company recording all those things. Is it your statement that the company will record all those things?
- A. We don't currently, but to the extent that's the documentation everyone feels is required, I think the company will need to voice record or not seek recovery.

Q. That's really what I am asking, is what work papers and other data supporting means in this stipulation.

- A. I think that's yet to be determined.
- Q. Well, I guess the problem I am having is that if it's yet to be determined, then when we get there, we won't have the material because it hasn't been recorded. Are there any efforts to record this information?
- A. Yeah. I think -- now, we are kind of -we need to keep our eyes on what paragraph 8 of the
 stipulation and the clarification says. There is a
 part C to that which talks about some other method,
 and I have to be cautious to tell you here the form
 of documentation when I don't even know what the
 ultimate part C may turn out to be, so I can't tell
 what you documentation is there if I don't know what
 the pricing mechanism is going to be.
- Q. Well, I am referring to a stipulation signed in 2005. There was no stipulation, and it hasn't been approved yet so I am asking for what -- what the company would provide to satisfy the stipulation that it's already signed and already been approved by the Commission. Are you recommending

any -- are you saying that there will be no additional effort to record these things?

MR. COLBERT: Objection, your Honor.

That mischaracterizes the witness's answer. He's answered that, you know, we could record various price quotes, e-mails, instant messaging. He has given a variety of things. He simply represented that he doesn't know at this time which one will be appropriate because we don't know the pricing methodology.

EXAMINER KINGERY: Can you rephrase your question, please?

- Q. Well, there has been a lot of concentration on the pricing mechanism, but do you anticipate that there would be work papers and data supporting the circumstances under which the DENA assets were proposed to be used?
 - A. Most definitely.
- Q. That would be recording of what, an emergency and how it was being used in an intermittent fashion?
- A. Right, any time a unit -- any time one of our generating units is either de-rated, being it comes down partly, or fully has to come off line,

1 shut down completely, I'm -- I believe we file that type information with a variety of agencies, but we 2 certainly keep track of those particular outages. 3 And that information would be provided to 4 Ο. the OCC. 5 A. 6 Correct. It would be provided to all 7 parties, correct. ٥. I know, but I am reading a stipulation 8 that says it will be provided to the OCC. 9 I am sure they would be one of the 10 11 parties, yes. EXAMINER KINGERY: Mr. Small, how much 12 13 more do you have, roughly? 14 MR. SMALL: We are very close, very close to the end. 15 16 EXAMINER KINGERY: Okay. MS. MOONEY: Are we on the record? 17 18 EXAMINER KINGERY: We are on the record, 19 yes. 20 MS. MOONEY: Can we go off the record? 21 EXAMINER KINGERY: Yes. Let's go off the 22 record. (Discussion off the record.) 23 24 EXAMINER KINGERY: Let's go back on the

1 record.

- Q. (By Mr. Small) Now, getting back to the pricing portion of the paragraph A of the stipulation, you say it's unknown what the pricing would be but there are -- under parts A and B there are pricing methods.
 - A. Correct.
- Q. Is that correct? And the company would be able to document those items; that's not indeterminate; is that correct?
- A. That's correct. For instance, I think the average -- what's listed here as part B average price of third-party transaction, that could most certainly be a worksheet of either transactions we're incurring that particular month, it could -- it could take a different form to the extent we are purchasing in the market already. Again, that would have flown -- would have come through the SRT in the first place. Therefore, that documentation might be different than an instantaneous price quote we would be receiving.
- Q. So will the documentation for methods A and B be recorded and available for an after-the-fact inspection?

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Α. Most certainly.

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And, then, of course, if C was determined Ο. at some point, then that additional documentation of whatever it would be would also be recorded and be available to parties for after-the-fact inspection.

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Α. Yeah. I completely agree. What we have to keep in mind here is emergency use of an asset

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price volatility risk and uncertainty, and to the

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extent we constrain these too fine, the DENA assets,

We have got to be cautious here.

Now, turning to C, paragraph 8 and C,

11 they will take those to market elsewhere.

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correct?

Α. Yeah. We've -- throughout the negotiation of the settlement process we have opened up the door to all parties to suggest opportunities to price this particular capacity, and we are still open to any suggestions and ideas that people have. I don't want to look at this as one-sided. We are only offering, and people have to take it or leave it.

- Q. The company has rejected OCC proposals along those lines, have they not?
- A. I don't know what they proposed regarding the DENA assets other than this. I am not aware of any proposals that they have made.
- Q. But specifically the reason why I mention paragraph C is that it contrasts greatly with your statement of clarification Remand Rider Exhibit 3 in that it's a staff agreement, whereas, your Remand Rider Exhibit 3, I say yours because the company entered into it, okay, but the top of -- for the end of page 7 of the clarification, it says Commission approval. What is the process for approving this method C under paragraph 8 of the stipulation?
 - A. I think that's still to be worked out.
- Q. So we've got a hole in the stipulation that doesn't -- doesn't state how this is going to --

how this process is going to be worked out?

- A. No. I disagree. Similar to timing, you know, we could talk about refunds within -- at some point. There's always a little bit of uncertainty as to what you are doing. You need to -- we need to tie down those issues, and I think we will.
- Q. Well, here is really the question. The company and staff agree upon a price. I suppose we will have to debate whether it's a reasonable price, but they agree upon a pricing method under C. Does the company's interpretation of stipulation paragraph 8, provision C mean that you can go ahead and do that now?
- A. No. I think -- I think this says we haven't come up with the alternative yet pricing.
- Q. This is a hypothetical, all right? We are in the hypothetical where the company and the staff agree to a pricing method. Is it your interpretation that company can now start pricing -- pricing according to that agreement without further approval from the Commission?
- A. Yeah. If there is a formula determined and approved by this Commission in this proceeding, then, yes.

1	Q. Well, I don't I don't think there is
2	going to be a formula determined in this
3	A. I think I agree with you. I apologize.
4	I think I misspoke. Obviously, it would have to come
5	at a different point in time. The Commission would
6	have to approve that pricing formula.
7	Q. That's your interpretation? I don't see
8	it in the stipulation. That's the question. Your
9	interpretation it would need to be approved by the
10	Commision, not just by agreed to by the staff.
11	A. Well, either in advance of those
12	purchases or the next SRT filing, the Commission
13	would have to approve that recovery, yes.
14	MR. SMALL: That concludes my
15	examination. Thank you very much.
16	EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you very much.
17	Ms. Mooney?
18	MS. MOONEY: Thank you your Honor.
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20	CROSS-EXAMINATION
21	By Ms. Mooney:
22	Q. Let me refer you to page 4, line 18 of
23	your testimony where you refer to several
24	organizations representing consumers as parties to

1 the stipulation. Can you tell me what those several 2 organizations representing consumers are? 3 Α. I apologize. I can't other than the ones I have signed. I know all parties to this proceeding 4 I don't know that all of them were invited. 5 6 attended. Certainly some of them did not attend any meetings. Many attended multiple meetings. 7 Well, the way I read the answer, which is 8 Q. 9 different from the question, but the way I read the 10 answer it says the parties to the stipulation include 11 the staff, DE-Ohio, and several organizations 12 representing consumers in the DEO service territory. 13 Do you have a copy of the stipulation as filed, the April 9 stipulation with you? 14 15 Α. I do but not with the signatures. 16 Ο. I don't either. My copy also has no 17 signatures. I'm sorry. 18 EXAMINER KINGERY: I have a copy with signatures. 19 20 THE WITNESS: Thank you. Okay. I have it. 21 Α. 22 Do you have a copy of the signed Q. stipulation? 23

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Correct.

1	Q. Could you tell me for the record who did
2	sign the stipulation besides the staff and the
3	company?
4	A. Yes. The Ohio Energy Group, the Ohio
5	Hospital Association, the City of Cincinnati, People
6	Working Cooperatively, and that's it.
7	Q. And is it your understanding that these
8	are organizations that represent consumers?
9	A. Yes, or their interests, correct.
10	Q. And do you know if all those of the
11	consumers being represented by those signatory
12	parties, if they actually pay the charges that are
13	being adjusted in this proceeding?
14	A. Yeah. I think the members of the Ohio
15	Energy Group, the Ohio Hospital Association,
16	certainly the City of Cincinnati, and the individuals
17	represented benefit from PWC do pay those charges.
18	Q. Now, do you know okay. Then at page 5
19	of your testimony on lines 11, 12, 13, you refer to
20	the third settlement discussion that occurred on
21	March 30, 2007. Do you see that?

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Q. Do you know if representatives of the Ohio Energy Group were present at the third

settlement discussion on March 30, 2007?

- A. I think one attended in person and one -- a representative attended via phone, I recall.
- Q. Do you know if a representative of the Ohio Hospital Association was present at the March 30, 2007, settlement discussion?
 - A. I do not recall.
- Q. Do you know if a representative on behalf of the City of Cincinnati was present at the March 30, 2007, settlement discussion?
 - A. I don't recall.
- Q. Do you know if a representative of People Working Cooperatively was present?
 - A. I do not believe so.
- Q. So of the signature -- of the signatory parties that attended the March 30, 2007, settlement conference, the only ones you are certain attended is the Ohio Energy Group besides the -- well --
 - A. In addition to the staff.
 - Q. That represent customers.
- A. I think that's right. We met on the 27th, which I think all of the parties were present. There was a refinement of that particular document on the 30th, a very short meeting on the 30th.

Q. And then in that -- your sentence there on the line 14, "The stipulation is a result of those discussions," is that referring to the third settlement discussion or the second one and the first one as well?

- A. No. It refers to the cumulative total of all discussions.
- Q. Well, then I would have to go back and ask you do you know with regard to the first settlement discussion whether or not the Ohio Hospital Association, the City of Cincinnati, or People Working Cooperatively were present?
 - A. All were present at the first one.
- Q. They all were present at the first one?
 What about the second settlement discussion March 27,
 2007, do you know if the four groups that signed -the four groups representing consumers that signed
 the stipulation were present at that settlement
 discussion?
 - A. No, I do not.
- Q. And do you remember if the Ohio Energy Group, the Ohio Hospital Association, the City of Cincinnati, and People Working Cooperatively were active participants in the settlement negotiations

and discussions at those meetings?

- A. Very much so, yes.
- Q. They were?

- A. At least at the first one, yes.
- Q. At the first one? What about the second and the third one?
 - A. I don't recall.
- Q. Mr. Small asked you a few questions about what the stipulation would give you that a Commission decision on the merits would not give you. And my question -- I would like to come back to that. What do you think the purpose of the stipulation is in this case?
- A. Yeah, I think it's a balancing of the interests given the issues being litigated in this proceeding.
- Q. But what purpose do you think it serves to have the stipulation presented in the record and offered to the Commission?
- A. I think it finds -- it determines a reasonable balance acceptable by the parties that sign the stipulation so the company found it acceptable, perhaps not as good an outcome as we would have gotten in a litigated outcome, but we are

willing to accept the terms of the stipulation. I can't speak to what the other parties were gaining out of the particular stipulation.

- Q. Well, I recognize the stipulation represents a bargain. I was just wondering what is the purpose of the stipulation as far as presenting -- recommending it to the Commission.
- A. I think it resolves a number of issues that they would have been faced with. I think it finds a reasonable outcome for the parties that litigated the issues in the three riders that were documented.
- Q. And if there were -- if there were no stipulation in this case, do you think the Commission would still make a decision in this case?
 - A. I would hope so, yes.
- Q. And do you have any reason to believe the Commission's decision would not be reasonable?
 - A. No.

- Q. And if the Commission were to modify the stipulation, what would be the effect of that modification?
- MR. COLBERT: Objection, your Honor. It calls for a legal conclusion.

EXAMINER KINGERY: Did you mean that to 1 2 ask about the legal effect or the practical impact? MS. MOONEY: Well, as far as I know, to 3 me his testimony has a lot of legal conclusions in it 4 and the stipulation does have provisions for 5 modification and he's supporting the stipulation, so 6 I am asking him what is his understanding if the 7 Commission modifies the stipulation, what effect that 8 has on the stipulation. 9 10 EXAMINER KINGERY: I will allow the 11 question. 12 Α. Well, I know there are conditions under 13 which the company or the other parties can terminate the stipulation. 14 Now, the three questions that you have 15 asked yourself in your direct testimony, the ones on 16 17 page 4 -- the one on page 4, line 15, 16, the one on page 5, line 15, 16, and the one on page 6, lines 7 18 19 and 8, do you know what the origin of those questions 20 is? 21 The preparation of my testimony was with Α. the assistance of legal counsel, so I do not know the 22

origin. I do know the answers.

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three-pronged test for the reasonableness of 1 2 stipulations is? 3 MR. COLBERT: Objection, your Honor. This is clearly legal questioning. These are, you 4 know, well known and, you know, long held legal 5 principles with many court cases, Commission cases 6 7 behind them. The witness is not an attorney. MR. REILLY: Your Honor, we would -- we 8 9 would join in the company's objection. I think we 10 ought to keep in mind what the purpose of a lay 11 witness not testifying as to legal conclusions -- as 12 to legal matters is and that is the lack of 13 qualifications to do so. He has not been qualified as a legal expert here. 14 15 MR. SMALL: Your Honor, I would point out his testimony is based around the three-pronged test. 16 17 I don't see -- I don't exactly know where Ms. Mooney is going, but I can't see how that preliminary 18 19 question could be objectionable. EXAMINER KINGERY: We are going to allow 20 21 the question. 22 THE WITNESS: I apologize. Do you mind 23 reading that question?

(Question read.)

I know it's an issue in the remand case. Α. 1 2 0. Yes. My exposure to the three-pronged test is 3 Α. limited to the remand case and what I have heard 4 discussed there. 5 Is your exposure to the three-pronged 6 7 test also given in those three questions in your testimony? 8 Α. I think many of the issues that were 9 raised in the remand are addressed in these three 10 11 questions, yes. Do you recognize the three questions in 12 Ο. your testimony as the Commission's three-pronged 1.3 14 test? 15 I've never seen the three-pronged test 16 written out, so I know these are the issues that are discussed and have been discussed in the remand, yes. 17 Q. So you are telling me you did not know 18 that the three questions in your testimony are 19 referred to -- are practically word for word the 20 Commission's three-pronged test for considering the 21 reasonableness of stipulations? 22 MR. COLBERT: Objection, your Honor. 23

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I didn't see that in my testimony.

MR. COLBERT: This has been asked and 1 2 answered. MS. MOONEY: Well, I mean, I can't 3 4 believe his answers, so I am giving him the opportunity to give me something I can believe in. 5 EXAMINER KINGERY: We will allow her to 6 7 ask it one more time. 8 Α. No. You really don't? 9 0. 10 I really don't. Α. 11 Okay. Do you know if absent the Q. stipulation in this case the Commission would be 12 13 considering your answers to those three questions? 14 MR. REILLY: Objection. I don't 15 understand the question myself. 16 MR. COLBERT: Objection. 17 EXAMINER KINGERY: Can you clarify the 18 question? 19 ο. If there were no stipulation -- you are sponsoring the stipulation in this case that was 20 filed April 9, correct? 21 Α. Correct. 22 23 Ο. Now, if the Commission were to decide this case in the absence of a stipulation, would 24

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those three questions be relevant?
MR. COLBERT: Objection
MR. REILLY: Objection.
MR. COLBERT: your Honor.
EXAMINER KINGERY: Sustained.
Q. So you are not giving any legal opinion
in your testimony at all?
A. Not that I am aware of.
Q. You are only giving a factual opinion in
your testimony?
A. I believe so, yes.
MS. MOONEY: That's all the questions I
have.
EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you.
Mr. Neilsen?
CROSS-EXAMINATION
By Mr. Neilsen:
Q. Mr. Smith, I am Daniel Neilsen
representing Industrial Energy Users-Ohio. I have
just a couple of quick questions for you, I hope.
Mr. Smith, are you familiar with a
Commission's November 23, 2004, entry on rehearing in
Case No. 03-93-EL-ATA, et al., in which it modified

and approved Duke Energy - Ohio's current rate stabilization plan?

- A. I am generally familiar with that order, yes.
- Q. Okay. Now, specifically at page 13 of the entry on rehearing and other portions of -- in that entry, the Commission made it clear that it would continue to evaluate the reasonableness of the expenditures eligible for recovery through the FPP, SRT, and AAC mechanisms and authorize the amount to be recovered. Would you accept that subject to check?
 - A. Yes, I do.

- Q. Now, is there anything in the stipulation and recommendation filed in this proceeding on April 9, 2007, which I believe has been marked as Joint Exhibit 1, that would affect the scope or nature of the Commission's ability to review costs eligible for recovery through the FPP, SRT, and AAC mechanisms?
 - A. No.
- Q. And I have a follow-up question then as well or to exercise discretion regarding the amount recoverable through such mechanisms?

1	A. No, not that I am aware of.
2	MR. NEILSEN: That's all I have, your
3	Honor. Thank you.
4	EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you. It being 1
5	o'clock why don't we take a lunch break and come back
6	then for any redirect.
7	MR. COLBERT: Thank you, your Honor.
8	EXAMINER KINGERY: Let's come back at 2
9	o'clock.
10	(Thereupon, at 12:56 p.m., a lunch recess
11	was taken until 2:00 p.m. of the same day.)
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Thursday Afternoon Session,
April 19, 2007.

EXAMINER KINGERY: Back on the record.

MR. COLBERT: Just a preliminary matter. This morning we had off-the-record discussions about producing information previously requested by OCC during the cross-examination of Mr. Whitlock last week. This morning we offered to read that into the record. We were asked to produce it in writing. We have done so.

We discussed it with OCC, and they believe this is satisfactory, so I don't know whether it's proper to mark this as an exhibit, but we would tender this for the record -- this information for the record.

MR. SMALL: Your Honor, Mr. Colbert has correctly represented, we are satisfied with it. We would like to mark this as an exhibit, and I would suggest an exhibit number that connects it with Mr. Whitlock's supplemental testimony. His testimony I have as --

EXAMINER KINGERY: Duke Remand Rider 1.
MR. SMALL: No. 2?

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EXAMINER KINGERY: Yes, the supplemental
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     was No. 2.
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                 MR. SMALL: If we would make it 2A.
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                 MR. COLBERT: That's fine with us, your
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                  (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)
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                  EXAMINER KINGERY: Are we to assume, in
     essence, Mr. Whitlock is sponsoring this information?
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                 MR. COLBERT: Yes, this information comes
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     directly from him via e-mail.
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                 MR. SMALL:
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     exhibit as if he responded to the questions in this
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     fashion.
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                  EXAMINER KINGERY: That's fine. It will
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     be marked Duke Remand Rider Exhibit 2A, and hearing
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     no objections, I assume, to its admission, will be
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                  (EXHIBIT ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)
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                  EXAMINER KINGERY: Did you have any
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                  MR. COLBERT: We don't, your Honor.
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EXAMINER KINGERY: I believe the next on the docket is staff?

MR. REILLY: Thank you, your Honor.

MR. COLBERT: We would move Mr. Smith's testimony into evidence. It is Remand Rider Exhibit 6. Thank you.

EXAMINER KINGERY: Any objections?

MR. SMALL: Yes, your Honor. The OCC renews it objection. It was not ruled on or it was held in abeyance, page 4 of Mr. Smith's testimony, basically lines 19 and 20, and the OCC renews its objection and points out that the witness basically was able to identify the information being supplied to the staff but had very vague knowledge as far as the staff's actual work.

MR. COLBERT: Your Honor, frankly I don't think that's a fair characterization of his testimony. He answered specific questions. He later answered specific questions about his knowledge of the FPP auditor who is clearly familiar with. He clearly had direct knowledge of the entire audit process and, you know, the testimony, I think, is reasonable based on his actual knowledge.

MR. SMALL: This clause has nothing to do

with the auditor. It is just staff's review. 1 EXAMINER KINGERY: We will deny the 2 motion to strike, but we will point out that 3 cross-examination did bring out the level of his 4 knowledge on this issue. 5 MR. SMALL: Your Honor, a little more 6 7 housekeeping regarding Mr. Smith's testimony. OCC moves for the admission of Remand Rider 3 and 8 4 used during cross-examination. 9 EXAMINER KINGERY: When we rule on that. 10 11 Were there any further objections to the admission of Duke Remand Rider 6? 12 Then it will admitted. 13 14 (EXHIBIT ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.) 15 EXAMINER KINGERY: As to OCC Remand Rider 16 Exhibits 3 and 4, 3 was clarification of the stipulation and 4 was the stipulation in the prior 17 18 Any objection to the admission of either of those exhibits? 19 They will both be admitted. 20 (EXHIBITS ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.) 21 MR. SMALL: For my bookkeeping here what 22 was the number of Mr. Smith's testimony? 23 EXAMINER KINGERY: Remand Rider Exhibit 24

Duke Exhibit No. 1 was Mr. Whitlock's testimony. 1 2 was the supplemental testimony --2 MR. SMALL: I see it now. We are up to 3 4 6. Thank you. EXAMINER KINGERY: Okay. You may 5 6 proceed. 7 MR. REILLY: Thank you, your Honor. call Mr. Richard Cahaan. 8 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.) 9 10 11 RICHARD C. CAHAAN being first duly sworn, as prescribed by law, 12 testified as follows: 13 14 DIRECT EXAMINATION 15 By Mr. Reilly: 16 ٥. Good afternoon, Mr. Cahaan. A. Good afternoon. 17 18 I laid before you on the witness table a Q. document entitled Prepared Testimony of Mr. Richard 19 Cahaan, and at the bottom of the document in the 20 21 bottom right hand part of the document it says date 22 processed and there's a 4-10-07 there. Do you see 23 that document? I do. 24 Α.

1	Q. Do you recognize that document,
2	Mr. Cahaan?
3	A. Yes, I do.
4	Q. Could you tell me what it is?
5	A. It was actually a draft of the testimony
6	that I forwarded up in the flurry, and it is my
7	testimony in this case at this time.
8	Q. Do you have did you have corrections
9	to that documents?
10	A. Oh, yes, I do. As I indicated, this was
11	not the final-final. I was going to do that
12	clean-up, but in the flurry of things, stuff wasn't
13	cleaned up, and so I apologize for the lack of line
14	numbers, but it's short enough that I think we can
15	make it without it.
16	Question No. 2 in the answers there's
17	parentheses that says, "(by the question staff
18	????)." That should have been deleted and is simply
19	an indication even at the late date that the staff
20	there was a certain persistent inclusiveness to get
21	the people on board.
22	In addition, in the same question and
23	answer on the last line the words the line says:
24	"does not violate and important regulatory principle

1 or practice." It should have been "any" instead of the word "and." 2 In question No. 3 the last line of the 3 answer should have a period at the end. 4 I think that's it. I hope that's it. 5 With those modifications if I were to ask 6 7 you the questions that are presented in what has been marked as Staff Remand Rider Exhibit 3, would your 8 answers be the same to those answers as reflected in 9 10 what has been marked as Staff Remand Rider Exhibit 3? 11 Α. Yes. MR. REILLY: With that, your Honor, we 12 13 offer Mr. Cahaan for cross-examination and offer staff Remand Rider Exhibit 3 subject to 14 15 cross-examination. 16 EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you. OCC? 17 18 19 CROSS-EXAMINATION By Mr. Small: 20 Good afternoon, Mr. Cahaan. 21 ٥. Α. Good afternoon. 22 23 Would you please turn to question and answer 5 in your testimony? 24

A. I see it.

- Q. And there you state you were responsible for the staff position regarding SRT; correct?
 - A. Correct.
- Q. You were -- do I take it you were not responsible for staff's position on the AAC?
- A. The AAC is a complicated thing. I indicated I was responsible for the CWIP policy, but I think most of the other stuff was covered by Mr. Tufts.
- Q. Is there a staff person responsible for this overall? You state that the staff was -- you were responsible for staff positions regarding the SRT. Is there a staff person responsible to be a lead person for all the writers in this case?
- A. We can probably furnish somebody if necessary, but no.
 - Q. No, there isn't?
- A. Well, let me put it this way. What is your question? I'm not sure I understand. Is there anyone addressing the SRT? I can do that. The other calculations have already been addressed. If there's certain policy areas that are missing, I may or may not be able to address them, but I'm not primarily

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     for the SRT?
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                  MR. SMALL: No further examination.
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                  EXAMINER KINGERY: Mr. Neilsen?
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                  MR. NEILSEN: No questions, your Honor.
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                  EXAMINER KINGERY: Redirect?
                  MR. REILLY: No redirect, your Honor.
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                  EXAMINER KINGERY:
                                     Thank you. You may
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     step down.
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                  (Witness excused.)
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                  EXAMINER KINGERY: Mr. Small, you were
     going to call Mr. Haugh, I believe.
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                  MR. SMALL: I'm trying to reflect where
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     we are in the schedule. Mr. Sauer will handle that.
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                  At this time the OCC calls Michael Haugh
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     to the stand.
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                  EXAMINER KINGERY: I want to remind you
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     you remain under oath.
                  (Witness sworn.)
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EXAMINER KINGERY: I believe we have a 1 pending motion for admission of Mr. Cahaan's 2 testimony. Any objections? 3 It will be admitted. 4 (EXHIBIT ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.) 5 MR. REILLY: Thank you, your Honor. 6 7 MICHAEL P. HAUGH 8 being previously sworn, as per law, testified as 9 10 follows: 11 DIRECT EXAMINATION 12 By Mr. Small: 13 I know we have been through this 14 recently, but would you state your name and business 15 address. It is Michael Haugh, 10 West Broad 16 Α. Street, Suite 1800, Columbus, Ohio 43215. 17 18 Q. And you are the same Mr. Haugh you were this morning when you testified earlier; is that 19 20 correct? 21 Α. I have not changed. 22 On whose behalf do you appear this time? Q. Still on behalf of the Ohio Consumers' Α. 23 Counsel. 24

1	Q. Do you have your testimony with you on
2	the stand?
3	A. My supplemental testimony. Actually I
4	have both pieces of testimony, so yes.
5	MR. SMALL: I may have neglected and,
6	your Honor, I would like to have the supplemental
7	testimony marked as OCC Remand Rider No. 2.
8	EXAMINER KINGERY: Yes, it will be so
9	marked.
10	(EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)
11	MR. SMALL: I believe it was distributed,
12	but the court reporter doesn't have it so.
13	For the Bench's information, this is a
14	piece of testimony that the OCC stated earlier we
15	would be refiling without redactions.
16	EXAMINER KINGERY: Yes, thank you.
17	Q. Did you say you have your testimony on
18	the stand with you?
19	A. Yes.
20	Q. We just marked that as Remand Rider
21	Exhibit 2. Did you prepare the testimony or have
22	that testimony prepared at your direction?
23	A. Yes.
24	Q. Do you have any changes or corrections to

1 your testimony? 2 Α. No. If I asked you the same questions today 3 Q. 4 that are contained in your prepared testimony marked as Remand Rider Exhibit 2, would your answers be the 5 same? 6 7 Α. Yes. MR. SMALL: OCC moves for admission of 8 OCC Remand Rider Exhibit 2 and tenders the witness 9 for cross-examination. 10 11 EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you. Mr. Colbert? 12 MR. COLBERT: If I may have just a 13 14 moment, your Honor. 15 EXAMINER KINGERY: You may. 16 CROSS-EXAMINATION 17 By Mr. Colbert: 18 19 Ο. Good afternoon, Mr. Haugh. How are you? 20 Α. Good. 21 Good. 0. 22 MR. COLBERT: Just before I proceed, your 23 Honor, just to clarify, as we said before, no need to go over again cross-examination on the issues already 24

covered.

EXAMINER KINGERY: That is correct.

MR. COLBERT: Thank you.

EXAMINER KINGERY: By the same token, you may if you wish to.

MR. COLBERT: Yes. I appreciate that.

I'll try to keep that to a minimum.

THE WITNESS: I appreciate that.

- Q. (By Mr. Colbert) Mr. Haugh, this morning -- well, actually, let's start with page 2 at lines 7 through 21 of your testimony opposing the stipulation. Are you there?
 - A. Yes.
- Q. All right. Now, in this area you criticize the stipulation for the inclusion of the paragraph permitting discussions to arrive at better efforts to agree to make a recommendation regarding post-2008 coal emission allowances and power purchases; is that correct?
 - A. I'd say that's the gist of my argument.
- Q. And you then say that those issues would be best addressed in the 06-986-EL-UNC case that is our offer to amend the market based stipulation; is that correct?

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Yes.

Q. And are you familiar with the audit report of financial and management performance audit of the fuel and purchase power rider of Duke Energy - Ohio dated October 12, 2006?

A. Subject to check on the date, yes. Now that you're holding it up, yes, I am familiar with that.

Q. Okay. Do you know whether the auditor made a finding that DE-Ohio should be at least preparing or doing something to purchase coal emission allowances, purchase power long-term 2008?

A. Yes. I can't remember the exact number but that was a finding and recommendation, I believe.

- Q. All right. Do you know whether the auditor made a specific recommendation regarding that?
- A. That would have to be subject to check exactly how he classified that. I know that was mentioned in his report, though.
- Q. Subject to check would you agree that's finding No. 6 on page 1-8?
 - A. Subject to check.
 - Q. Have you had in your experience with OCC

much experience auditing or involved with OCC's policies regarding audit documents such as this in other cases?

- A. I don't think I understand your question, the policies.
- Q. For example, in this case you are sponsoring testimony regarding the company's reaction to and treatment of and ultimately the Commission's decision regarding this audit; correct?
 - A. Yes.

- Q. Okay. Have you done that in other cases?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Do you have a lot of experience in such audits?
- A. A lot being a subjective term, I would say that I've worked on probably about a half dozen gas cases and this one, I'm trying to think of another one, at least this one and one other case that I handled like this.
- Q. So six to seven similar cases, something like that?
 - A. Rough estimate, sounds reasonable.
- Q. Okay. And when an auditor makes a finding and the parties try and address that finding,

139 is it generally the position of OCC that the parties 1 2 ignore the finding in that case? THE WITNESS: Could you repeat the 3 question, please. 4 (Question read.) 5 Α. I think that would depend on what the 6 finding is. 7 Okay. Well --8 Ο. We don't have a broad policy saying yes 9 10 or no to that. 11 Ο. Okay. Are you aware in these cases that -- well, these cases represent a consolidation 12 13 of a number of cases; is that your understanding? 14 Α. Yes. And one of those cases is 05-725-EL-UNC. 15 0. Are you familiar with that case? 16 I know that 05-724 and 05-725 are the SRT 17 Α. and FPP cases from '05, and subject to check on that 18 fact, but both of those are covered under this, is my 19 understanding. 20 Okay. And do you know what the 21 Ο. 06-1068-EL-UNC case is? 22 23 That one -- once again, the same

situation, 06-1069.

MR. COLBERT: And 1069, I'm not sure
which is which but one is the SRT and one is the FPP
for 2006.

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- Q. And the auditor has made a finding in 05-725 and also the auditor or some auditor will take a look at what the company has done in 06-1068. Do you think that it might be reasonable for the company to try and address the findings made by the Remand Rider in 05-725 so that they don't get criticized in 06-1068 later for ignoring it?
- A. Well, yes, they should. What I'm saying in my testimony, the stipulation doesn't do anything to address this problem. It just said, well, we agree everybody will talk about it later. What I am proposing here is that -- I'm proposing a concrete place that this can be discussed and this can be determined. That's my goal with this question and answers.
- Q. And you believe there's a qualitative difference in discussing that in the 06-986 case versus the 06-1068 case?
- A. When I was -- in this question and answer, I am setting up the arena for this to be discussed. There was no suggestion in the

stipulation that it would be discussed. I'm saying that I believe this can be taken care of in this docket.

- Q. And it's your position that the stipulation being discussed in this case does not provide for the discussion of coal purchases, purchased fuel and emission allowances in this docket?
- A. I apologize. I lent my copy of the stipulation to Ms. Mooney. If I could have a copy of that.
 - Q. Not a problem.

- A. Thank you. Now, the paragraph 3, which I assume we're referring to in the stipulation, is only suggesting that discussions will occur. And I believe that by including this in the 06-986 case will give a proper place for these discussions to occur for interested parties to weigh in, serve discovery, et cetera, and figure out how this will be handled post-2008.
- Q. And you don't think they can do that in this case pursuant to the terms and conditions of the stipulation.
 - A. I don't believe so. I believe -- my

understanding, the stipulation is just saying that discussions will occur.

- Q. Well, if you look at the bottom four lines of paragraph 3, it also says that the parties will use their best efforts to agree and make a recommendation regarding the purchase and cost recovery of coal emission allowances and purchased power; is that correct?
- A. I believe you've read it correctly, but I still believe that the language isn't strong enough in this. I believe that this needs to be a point of serious discussion and debate.
- Q. Mr. Haugh, moving on to page 4 of your testimony, I believe you address CWIP on that page; is that correct?
- A. The first sentence just refers to my testimony filed on March 9.
- Q. Okay. And in that testimony you recommend that as part of its AAC market price not be permitted to collect CWIP.
- A. Yes, that CWIP should be removed from the calculation of the AAC.
- Q. Mr. Haugh, have you reviewed Mr. Wathen's testimony in this case?

Yes, both the initial and supplemental. Α. 1 Have you reviewed the schedules attached 2 0. to Mr. Wathen's testimony, particularly attachment 3 WDW-1 that's also marked as attachment JPS-4? 4 I've reviewed all of his schedules. Α. Ι 5 would assume that was one if that was attached to his 6 original testimony, yes. 7 ٥. Do you have that schedule with you? 8 I don't believe I have Mr. Wathen's 9 Α. 10 testimony. No, I don't. 11 0. While Ms. Schafer is getting that for you, let me ask, do you have the attachment to 12 Mr. Tufts' testimony passed out this morning, LET-1? 13 Α. No, I don't have Mr. Tufts' testimony 14 either. 15 MR. COLBERT: Your Honor, we don't have 16 an extra copy. If it's all right, may I approach to 17 look at it with the witness? 18 EXAMINER KINGERY: That would be fine. 19 20 MR. COLBERT: Thank you. MR. SMALL: Your Honor, I'm not entirely 21 comfortable with this arrangement. We have a copy of 22 Mr. Tufts' testimony, if that's what's needed here. 23

We found it.

MR. COLBERT:

1 Mr. Small, you said you have an extra copy of LET-1? 2 3 MR. SMALL: Of Mr. Tufts' testimony. MR. COLBERT: Yes, he will need page 2 of 4 5 Thank you. I appreciate that. 6. (By Mr. Colbert) I just want to make sure 6 7 you have the right document. My version of the stipulation and Mr. Tufts' actual testimony didn't 8 have the complete LET-1, and you need page 2 of 6 9 10 specifically. He amended that this morning and passed it out. I want to make sure you have it. 11 Is this it? 12 Α. The numbers are approximately the same. 13 Q. EXAMINER KINGERY: You can look at the 14 15 Bench copy. We have it. I just want to 16 MR. COLBERT: 17 make sure we are talking about the same thing, thank 18 you. 19

- Q. Okay. Thank you for your patience,
 Mr. Haugh. If you would turn your attention to WDW-1
 and JPS-4.
 - A. I'm there.

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Q. Okay. Do you see the column that is marked "as of 6-30-2004"?

1	A. Yes.
2	Q. And, first of all, what can you tell
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4	MR. SMALL: This has been a little
5	disorganized for us. Can you repeat where you are
6	at?
· 7	MR. COLBERT: Yes, I'm on WDW-1.
8	MR. SMALL: This is material you provided
9	to the witness.
10	MR. COLBERT: Yes.
11	MR. SMALL: I thought we were on
12	Mr. Tufts'.
13	MR. COLBERT: We are going to compare
14	numbers on the two documents.
15	MR. SMALL: Okay.
16	Q. What numbers are in that column that
17	are what does that represent where it says "as of
18	6-30-2004" if you know?
19	A. I can read the first column with the
20	descriptions of what they are and then going across
21	as to what those values are as of 6-30-2004.
22	Q. What do the values represent? What does
23	the value at Net Book Value \$389,416,025 value
24	represent?

I would assume that it is the net book 1 Α. value of the environmental plant. 2 Did I read that number correctly? Is it 3 Q. a 389 million plus number? 4 5 Α. Yes. If you turn to LET-1, page 2 of 6 --6 I'm assuming the same as stipulation 7 Α. attachment 2, page 2 of 8? 8 9 0. Yes, I believe that's correct. 10 Α. You pointed me to that earlier. 11 0. Yes. 12 Okay. Α. 13 0. There's a column there that says at the top 5-31-2006. Do you see that? 14 Yes, I see that. 15 Α. 16 Then on line 3 there's a row that's ο. 17 marked Net Plant. Do you see that? 18 Α. Yes. And under the 5-31-2006 there's a number. 19 What is that number? 20 That's the 5-31-2006 column line 3. 21 A. 22 0. Yes. 23 461,405,497. Α. Can you tell me what that number says? 24 Q.

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1	A. Once again, not preparing this, I would
2	assume that is the net book value of environmental
3	plant as of 5-31-2006.
4	Q. And how much higher is the net book value
5	of the plant at 5-31-2006, approximately, not to the
6	penny, than it was at 6-30-2004 as shown on
7	Mr. Wathen's schedule?
8	A. 71 to 72 million dollars, it looks like.
. 9	Q. Uh-huh.
10	A. Subject to check on that.
11	Q. And going back to Mr. Wathen's schedule,
12	do you see the line marked "Total Environmental
13	Plant"?
14	A. Yes.
15	Q. Okay. And do you see again in the
16	6-30-2004 column I'm sorry. I gave you the wrong
17	line. See the line marked Construction Work in
18	Progress at 12/31/2003-2004 Additions above the line

A. Yes.

we discussed.

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Q. If you go over to the 6-30-2004 line, there are two numbers there. Do you agree they would represent the construction work in progress as of 6-30-2004, the two of those numbers combined.

Once again, I didn't prepare this 1 Α. document, but I would assume those were the values. 2 That's what those values represent. 3 4 Q. And two of those numbers together are approximately -- what's the total of those two 5 numbers? 6 Subject to check, about 175,900,000 and 7 8 change. And, again, if you go back to LET-1, on 9 Ο. line 4 there, Construction Work in Progress, under 10 11 the 5-31-2006 column, how much construction work in progress does the company have as of 5-31-2006? 12 13 The amount shown on line 4 under Α. 5-31-2006 is \$249,891,773. 14 15 And about how much more construction work 16 in progress is that than this 175 million and change that is represented on WDW-1 at 6-30-2004? 17 You're testing my calculating abilities, 18 Α. 19 aren't you? 0. We're almost done. 20 That's roughly 74, 75 million dollars, 21 Α. 22 subject to check once again. 23 Ο. Fair enough. I'm not looking for exact numbers. 24

So would you agree that upwards -- the 1 company has now made upwards of \$70 million more in 2 investment in environmental plant and has upwards of 3 \$70 million more Construction Work in Progress between 6-30-04 and 5-31-06? Is that your 5 understanding? 6 7 Α. I would say that those increases -- those are just -- those show the differences between WDW-1 8 and LET-1. 9 10 ٥. Uh-huh. And they show the difference in 11 the net -- well, the first number shows the difference in the net plant in service between those 12 13 dates, environmental plant; is that correct? No, there's -- you say the first number. 14 Α. 15 ο. The difference between the 389 million and the 461 million. 16 17 Well, yes, that shows the difference Α. between what LET-1 demonstrates. Once again, I would 18 assume that is the value of 5-31-2006 and WDW-1 shows 19 the value as of 6-30-2004. 20 MR. COLBERT: Okay. Your Honor, I have 21 22 no more questions.

EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you.

Mr. Boehm?

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No questions, your Honor. 1 MR. BOEHM: EXAMINER KINGERY: Staff? 2 MR. REILLY: Thank you, your Honor. 3 4 CROSS-EXAMINATION 5 By Mr. Reilly: 6 7 Good afternoon, Mr. Haugh. ο. Good afternoon. 8 I have a few questions for you. You were 9 part of the OCC negotiating team involved with the 10 rider phase of this case; is that not true? 11 Yes, I was a member of the case team. 12 As member of the case team, you 13 0. participated along with others in the Office of 14 15 Consumers' Counsel in negotiations involving resolution of this case by stipulation, if possible? 16 17 Α. Yes. And those negotiations took place right 18 up until the last day, by the last day I mean 19 April 10, did they not? Do you recall? 20 Not sure of the exact dates, but yes, I 21 Α. know there was back and forth amongst different 22 23 parties up until shortly before. I don't think the stipulation was filed either the day of the hearing 24

or the day before.

- Q. And OCC was involved in negotiation of the stipulation right up until practically the end. Would that be a fair characterization?
 - A. Subject to check, yes, I believe so.
- Q. And during that entire time OCC was discussing and presenting proposals as were other parties; is that not true?
- A. I know the OCC was. I'm not sure of all the proposals that were put together by other parties. I guess I know staff had discussions and the company had proposals, so yes.
- Q. And are you aware, was OCC given the opportunity to enter the stipulation?
 - A. I believe so.

MR. REILLY: May I have a moment, your
Honor?

EXAMINER KINGERY: Yes.

- Q. Mr. Haugh, in discussion with this question I don't want you to identify any specific discussions, can you tell me without doing that were any of the OCC proposals adopted into the stipulation, if you know?
 - A. I hesitate because I'm not sure how you

would classify the proposals. Some of them were 1 actually the auditor's discussions that OCC supported 2 that other parties may not have, so I don't know if 3 they were ours alone or suggestions from the auditor 4 that got through. 5 MR. REILLY: Thank you, your Honor, 6 that's all. 7 Thank you, Mr. Haugh. 8 9 EXAMINATION 10 11 By Examiner Kingery: Mr. Haugh, on the first page of your 12 Q. testimony, the third question, you note there are 13 14 three prongs that the Commission considers in looking 15 at stipulations, and your testimony addresses the 16 second and third. Is there a reason you don't 17 address the first prong? Α. I don't have an opinion on the first 18 19 prong. 20 EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you. 21. Any redirect? 22 MR. SMALL: No, your Honor. 23 EXAMINER KINGERY: You may step down. (Witness excused.) 24

MR. NEILSEN: IEU would like to state for 1 the record that they do not oppose the stipulation in 2 this case. 3 EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you. 4 MR. SMALL: I would like -- OCC has a pending motion to admit OCC Remand Rider Exhibit 2. 6 EXAMINER KINGERY: Yes. Any objections? 7 It will be admitted. 8 (EXHIBIT ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.) 9 10 EXAMINER KINGERY: We don't have a motion 11 yet on the stipulation. MR. COLBERT: We would move the 12 stipulation into evidence, your Honor. 13 EXAMINER KINGERY: Any objections? 14 15 MR. REILLY: None. EXAMINER KINGERY: It will be admitted. 16 17 And we would clarify that OCC is going to refile Mr. Haugh's testimony as a public document as 18 we discussed earlier. 19 MR. SMALL: Yes, your Honor. 20 I don't think it has any effect whatsoever on the record. 21 EXAMINER KINGERY: No, I don't. 22 With that, let's go off the record. 23 (Discussion off record.) 24

EXAMINER KINGERY: While we are off the record we discussed the schedule for the filing of briefs in this phase of the hearing as well as the previous phase. We have postponed the replies due on the first phase of the hearing so that instead of being due on Tuesday the 24th, they will now be due on Friday the 27th. With regard to this phase of the hearings, the initial briefs will be due on Thursday, May 17; replies will be due on Wednesday, May 30. MR. SMALL: I believe you said you were going to address the refiling or more extensive filing of the stipulation in the 03-93 docket later

That's the only thing I have left over that hasn't been addressed.

EXAMINER KINGERY: I don't think we decided yet what to do with that. We will do that by entry or by e-mail, one or the other, but you're right, it is outstanding.

Is there anything else?

(No response.)

EXAMINER KINGERY: This case is submitted on the record. We are adjourned.

(The hearing concluded at 3:13 p.m.)

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DE-Ohio Statement of Requested Information for the Record

- Q. When did the event occur that required DE-Ohio to purchase short tem capacity to meet operational reserve requirements?
- A. October 25, 2006.
- Q. How short was DE-Ohio?
- A. Approximately 150 MW.
- Q. What was the market price offer for the provision of short term capacity?
- A. \$7 per MwH. Had DE-Ohio collected the total cost would have been \$25,200.
- Q. What capacity did DE-Ohio use?
- A. Capacity from the legacy DENA asset Vermillion and DE-Ohio did not seek any cost recovery through the SRT, or any other mechanism.

DE-Ohio Exhibit <u></u>

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

Consolidated Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.,) Case Nos.	03-93-EL-ATA
Rate Stabilization Plan Remand, and)	03-2079-EL-AAM
Rider Adjustment Cases)	03-2081-EL-AAM
•)	03-2080-EL-ATA
)	05-725-EL-UNC
)	06-1069-EL-UNC
)	05-724-EL-UNC
)	06-1085-EL-UNC
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DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

PAUL G. SMITH

ON BEHALF OF

DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.

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I. <u>INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE</u>

1	Q.	PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.
2	A.	My name is Paul G. Smith and my business address is 139 East Fourth Street,
3		Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.
4	Q.	BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?
5	A.	I am employed by Duke Energy Shared Services, Inc., (DESS) as Vice President,
6		Rates.
7	Q.	PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL
8		QUALIFICATIONS.
9	A.	I received a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Management Degree from Purdue
10		University and a Master of Business Administration Degree, with Honors, from
11		the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business. I am a Certified Public
12		Accountant (CPA) in the State of Ohio and a member of the American Institute of
13		Certified Public Accountants. I am also a member of the Edison Electric
14		Institute's Economic Regulation and Competition Committee, and Budgeting and
15		Financial Forecasting Committee.
16	Q.	PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR WORK EXPERIENCE.
17	A.	Upon graduation from Purdue University in 1982, I was employed by the CPA
18		firm of Touche, Ross & Co. as a member of the audit staff in their Chicago office.
19		From 1984 to 1987 I was employed by the CPA firm of Crowe, Chizek & Co. as a

member of the commercial audit and tax staff in their Indianapolis office. Since

1987 I have held various positions with PSI Energy, Inc., Cinergy Services, Inc.,

and DESS including responsibilities in the Rates and Regulation, Budgets and

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1		Forecasts, Investor Relations, and Corporate Development departments as well as
2		the International Business Unit. From March 1998 to July 1999, I was assigned to
3		and worked full-time at Midlands Electricity, the regional electric company in the
4		United Kingdom of which Cinergy previously held a 50% equity ownership.
5		From March 2005 to March 2006, I was assigned to evaluating and analyzing the
6		strategic merger between Cinergy Corp. and Duke Energy, including serving as
7		Project Manager for the merger integration process. I was appointed to my
8		current position as Vice President, Rates in April 2006.
9	Q.	PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR DUTIES AS VICE PRESIDENT, RATES.
10	A.	As Vice President, Rates, I am responsible for the regulatory accounting and
11		filings, cost of service and rate design for Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., (DE-Ohio) and
12		Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. (DE-Kentucky).
13	Q,	HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED BEFORE THIS COMMISSION?
14	A.	Yes.
15	Q.	WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS
16		PROCEEDING?
17	A.	The purpose of my testimony is to discuss and support the reasonableness of a
18		Stipulation entered into between DE-Ohio, the Staff of the Commission, and
19		several other Parties who have intervened in DE-Ohio's Fuel and Purchased
20		Power (Rider FPP), System Reliability Tracker (Rider SRT) and Annually
21		Adjusted Component Rider (Rider AAC) Adjustment Cases, which have been
22		consolidated in the above captioned proceedings. Coincident with this support, I
23		also explain the Company's position with respect to several of the issues and the
24		resolution contained in the Stipulation.

II. DISCUSSION

- 2 Q. PLEASE BRIEFLY EXPLAIN THE COMPANY'S RIDER FPP.
- 3 A. The Company's Rider FPP mechanism, as the name implies, recovers costs
- 4 associated with the Company's purchases of fuel for its generating stations,
- 5 emission allowances and purchased power to meet its load. Rider FPP is 100%
- 6 avoidable to consumers who switch to a competitive retail electric service (CRES)
- 7 provider, Rider FPP is adjusted on a quarterly basis and is subject to an annual
- 8 audit and review with a true-up. In the above captioned consolidated proceedings,
- 9 Case Number 05-725-EL-UNC is the annual review of the Company's Rider FPP.
- 10 Case No. 06-1068-EL-UNC is DE-Ohio's application for its 2007 FPP and annual
- 11 audit.

- 12 Q. PLEASE BRIEFLY EXPLAIN THE COMPANY'S RIDER SRT.
- 13 A. The Company's Rider SRT mechanism recovers costs DE-Ohio incurs in
- maintaining a fifteen percent (15%) planning reserve margin for switched and
- 15 non-switched load. Rider SRT is avoidable by non-residential consumers who
- 16 agree to stay off DE-Ohio's system through 2008. Rider SRT is similar to Rider
- 17 FPP in its construct in that it is also subject to quarterly adjustments with an
- 18 annual audit and true-up. In the above captioned consolidated proceedings, Case
- No. 05-724-EL-UNC is the Company's annual review of its 2006 SRT and Case
- No. 06-1069-EL-UNC is the Company's Application to establish and set its 2007
- 21 Rider SRT levels.
- 22 Q. PLEASE BRIEFLY EXPLAIN THE COMPANY'S RIDER AAC.

A.	The Company's Rider AAC recovers DE-Onio's costs related to homeland
	security, environmental compliance, and tax adjustments. The charges for Rider
	AAC were established for calendar years 2005 and 2006 per the Commission's
	Entry on Rehearing in Case No. 03-93-EL-ATA. Specifically, for non-residential
	consumers Rider AAC was set at an agreed upon market price of 4% of "little g"
	for 2005 and 8% of "little g" for 2006. For residential consumers, Rider AAC
	was not applicable in 2005 since these consumers continued to be in the Market
	Development Period. After the Market Development Period effective January 1,
	2006, residential consumers' Rider AAC price was set at the market price of 6%
	of "little g." As approved in Case No. 03-93-EL-ATA, DE-Ohio is required to
	make an annual application to set its AAC price after 2006. The Commission has
	authority to review DE-Ohio's pricing proposal to determine the reasonableness
	of its Rider AAC. In the above captioned consolidated proceedings, Case No. 06-
	1085-EL-UNC is DE-Ohio's 2007 proposed price for Rider AAC.
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15 Q. DOES THE STIPULATION REPRESENT A PRODUCT OF SERIOUS 16 BARGAINING AMONG CAPABLE, KNOWLEDGEABLE PARTIES?

Yes. The parties to the Stipulation include the Commission Staff, DE-Ohio and several organizations representing consumers in DE-Ohio's service territory. The Commission Staff has thoroughly reviewed DE-Ohio's applications filed in the Rider Adjustment Cases. With respect to the Company's annual FPP and SRT audits, an outside consultant was retained to audit the Company's financial records and management practices. This auditor made numerous recommendations in its audit reports.

	The P	arties pa	rtici	pating i	in the Rider	r Adjustment	Cases and	who	have
signed	the Stip	pulation	were	also in	volved in th	ne initial MBS	SSO case in	2004	. All
parties	were	invited	to	attend	settlement	discussions	regarding	the	Rider
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hearing	in the	consolid	ated	cases in	nvolving the	Remand issu	ies.		

A.

DE-Ohio held its first settlement conference in November 2006, prior to the Supreme Court of Ohio's release of its Opinion regarding DE-Ohio's MBSSO and before the Commission suspended the Rider Adjustment Cases. The second of these Settlement discussions occurred at the office of the Commission on March 27, 2007, following the hearings in the remand phase of the consolidated cases. A third Settlement discussion occurred on March 30, 2007. During those conferences, all Parties present were invited to participate and many issues were addressed, including the recommendations contained in the audit reports filed in the FPP and SRT Cases. The Stipulation is a result of those discussions.

Q. DOES THE STIPULATION VIOLATE ANY IMPORTANT REGULATORY PRINCIPLE OR PRACTICE?

No. The Stipulation complies with all relevant and important principles and practices. DE-Ohio's MBSSO pricing structure, including the adjustment and setting of its Riders, constitutes a market price in Ohio's deregulated environment for competitive retail electric service. In Ohio, generation is deregulated. Accordingly, many regulatory principles and practices, which historically existed under a fully regulated construct do not apply with respect to generation service.

The Stipulation is a compromise of the issues surrounding the Company's
management and price setting of certain components of DE-Ohio's MBSSO in a
manner that is agreeable to DE-Ohio, the Staff of the Commission and the other
signing Parties. The Stipulation provides reasonable market prices to consumers
and permits the Company to maintain reliable firm generation service to all
consumers while balancing various market risks

7 Q. HOW IS THE STIPULATION CONSISTENT WITH IMPORTANT 8 REGULATORY PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES?

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The Stipulation maintains the integrity of DE-Ohio's pricing structure in a manner that is consistent with the Commission's goals for rate stabilization plans of providing (1) rate certainty for consumers; (2) financial stability for the utility; and (3) the further development of competitive markets. The Stipulation allows DE-Ohio to continue to manage its generation fuel, purchased power, and emission allowance positions in a manner that is beneficial both to consumers and to the Company while maintaining its competitive market price. The adjustment of its Riders provides more predictable revenues for DE-Ohio and more predictable prices for consumers.

The Stipulation is also consistent with the State of Ohio's policies regarding the start of competitive retail electric service. For example, the Stipulation ensures that consumers continue to have access to adequate, reliable, safe, efficient, nondiscriminatory, and reasonably priced retail electric service through DE-Ohio. The Stipulation also does not provide for any anti-competitive

1		subsidies between competitive retail electric service and noncompetitive retail
2		electric services.
3	Q.	HOW DOES THE STIPULATION BENEFIT CONSUMERS AND THE
4		PUBLIC INTEREST?
5	A.	As previously mentioned, the Stipulation is consistent with the Commission's
6		three goals for rate stabilized MBSSO market prices. The true up of the Riders to
7		January 1, 2007, affords appropriate recovery and financial stability to DE-Ohio
8		allowing it to be in a similar position had the Rider Adjustment Cases not been
9		suspended. Consumers, in turn, benefit by having a reliable firm generation
10		service at their disposal for a reasonable market price. Additionally, the
11		Stipulation requires DE-Ohio to credit, in the next quarterly Rider FPP filing, the
12		applicable portion of a financial settlement related to a dispute with a coal
13		supplier resulting from its default on delivery of coal from 2002 through 2005.
14		This provision of the Stipulation will help mitigate the impact consumers may

III. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

experience from any price changes that result from this overall Settlement.

Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY?

18 A. Yes.

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I	l.	INTRODUCTION
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3	Q1.	PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND POSITION.
4	AI.	My name is Michael Haugh. My business address is 10 West Broad Street, Suite
5		1800, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3485. I am employed by the Office of the Ohio
6		Consumers' Counsel ("OCC" or "Consumers' Counsel") as a Senior Regulatory
7 ·		Analyst.
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9	Q2.	WHAT IS YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND?
10	A2.	I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration with a
11		specialization in Finance from The Ohio State University. I have also attended
12		the Institute of Public Utilities Advanced Regulatory Studies Program at
13		Michigan State University.
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15	<i>Q3</i> .	PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR WORK EXPERIENCE.
16	A3.	I have over 10 years of experience in the energy industry. This experience
17		includes three years with Enron Energy Services as a Natural Gas Trading
18		Analyst; five years with AEP Energy Services working in natural gas risk
19		management, generation optimization and energy trading and one year with
20		MidAmerican Energy as a Senior Product Manager. I joined the OCC in October
21		of 2004. Currently, my primary area of responsibility is regulatory policy -

focusing on retail and wholesale energy market development.

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1	Q4.	HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED TESTIMONY IN UTILITY CASES
2		BEFORE REGULATORY COMMISSIONS?
3	A4.	I filed testimony in Monongahela Power Company, Case No. 04-1047-EL-ATA
4		before the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO" or "Commission"). I
5		pre-filed testimony and testified in the following cases before the PUCO:
6		American Electric Power Company, Case No. 05-376-EL-UNC;
7		Dayton Power & Light Company, Case No. 05-276-EL-AIR;
8		Dominion East Ohio Company, Case No. 05-474-GA-ATA;
9		Dominion East Ohio Company, Case No. 05-219-GA-GCR; and
10		Columbia Gas of Ohio, Case No. 05-221-GA-GCR.
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12	Q5 .	WHAT DOCUMENTS HAVE YOU REVIEWED IN THE PREPARATION OF
13		YOUR TESTIMONY?
i4	A5.	From the current cases I have reviewed the Applications filed by Duke Energy
15		Ohio, Inc. ("Company" or "DE-Ohio" in this testimony, which includes its
16		predecessor the Cincinnati Gas and Electric Company), the Company's responses
17		to discovery by the OCC and testimony filed by DE-Ohio. I have also reviewed
18		the Commission-ordered Financial and Management Performance Audits ("Audit
19		Report") of the System Reliability Tracker ("SRT") of DE-Ohio conducted by
20		Energy Ventures Analysis, Inc. and Larkin & Associates PLLC ("Auditors"). I
21		also reviewed relevant documents from other DE-Ohio cases, including but not
22		limited to PUCO Case No. 03-93-EL-ATA and the cases consolidated with that
23		case (referred to collectively as "Case No. 03-93-EL-ATA").

Q6. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS

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A6. The purpose of my testimony is to address the Applications made by DE-Ohio to increase its Annually Adjusted Component ("AAC") and to adjust its SRT for 2007. In regard to the AAC, I offer recommendations regarding the Commission's treatment of the AAC and how Construction Work in Progress ("CWIP") should be handled. I also address the Company's Application to collect from customers, via the SRT, costs for capacity from the former Duke Energy North America LLC ("DENA") generating assets that are now owned by DE-Ohio. Finally, I will discuss a bill format issue that involves both the AAC and SRT. My testimony does not address the issue of the appropriateness of the approach taken by DE-Ohio regarding assembly of a standard service offer using a variety of components such as the AAC and SRT. That issue is addressed by OCC witness Talbot in his testimony.

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Q7. WHAT ARE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS PROCEEDING?

I recommend that the 2007 and 2008 AAC should be audited in a similar fashion to DE-Ohio's System Reliability Tracker ("SRT") and Fuel and Purchased Power ("FPP") riders. I also recommend that a return on CWIP should be excluded from the revenue that DE-Ohio seeks to obtain through the AAC. In addition, I concur with the Auditor's recommendation that charges related to DENA assets should not be collected from customers in DE-Ohio's SRT. Finally, because the

1		AAC and SRT charges are for generation-related costs, I recommend that those
2		riders be placed in the "Generation Charge" portion of customers' bills.
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4	II. PI	ROPOSED AAC CHARGES
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6	Q8.	WHAT COSTS ARE INCLUDED IN THE AAC?
7	A8.	In Attachment 1 to the Company's Application for Rehearing in Case No. 03-93-
8		EL-UNC, the AAC is defined as a component "to recover costs associated with
9		homeland security, taxes, and environmental compliance". The AAC was
10		originally set for non-residential customers at 4% of little g in 2005 and 8% of
11		little g in 2006 while residential customers were charge 6% of little g in 2006.
12		Little g is the unbundled generation rate after removing fuel and purchased power
13		and stranded costs.
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15	Q9.	WHAT MECHANISM IS IN PLACE TO ALLOW THE COMPANY TO
16		INCREASE THE AAC?
17	A9.	The Commission stated in its September 29, 2004 Opinion and Order in Case No.
18		03-93-EL-UNC that the Company may apply for Commission approval to
19		increase the rider annually.

1	Q10.	WHAT IS THE COMPANY'S PROPOSAL FOR THE 2007 AAC CHARGES?
2	A10.	The Company is looking to collect \$73,818,962 from the AAC. (Wathen Direct
3		testimony at page 10) This equates to a charge equal to 9.1% of little g. (Wathen
4		Direct testimony at page 11)
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6	ш.	AUDITS OF CURRENT AND FUTURE AAC CALCULATIONS
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8	Q11.	ARE THE CURRENT AAC CHARGES SUBJECT TO A REVIEW
9		THROUGH A COMMISSION ORDERED AUDIT?
10	A11.	To my knowledge, there has not been any Commission order or entry requiring
11		audits of current or any future AAC filings. However, the November 23, 2004
12		Entry on Rehearing in PUCO Case No. 03-93-EL-ATA (page 10) stated that, "in
13		the context of its audits," the Commission "will continue to consider the
l 4		reasonableness of expenditures" in areas concerning the Company's riders.
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16	Q12.	DO YOU HAVE AN OPINION REGARDING WHETHER A COMMISSION
17		ORDERED AUDIT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL?
18	A12.	Yes. Similar audits conducted most recently in the SRT and FPP cases, along
19		with Management Performance audits in the natural gas industry, are very helpful
20		in locating errors and in identifying issues related to the calculation of charges.
21		DE-Ohio has many riders and trackers that resulted from Case No. 03-93-EL-
22		ATA, and the Commission should have audit information available to provide
23		accountability and assurance that charges are reasonable and have been

determined in a manner consistent with the Commission's Order if these charges continue in the future. I believe an audit of the charges associated with the AAC rider is the only way the PUCO would be able to conclude whether the proposed AAC charge is reasonable and was calculated as ordered. The audit of the AAC should be included with the audit of the 2007 and 2008 SRT and FPP riders if those charges continue in the future. RETURN ON CONSTRUCTION WORK IN PROGRESS CALCULATION IV. 013. DO YOU HAVE CONCERNS REGARDING THE MANNER IN WHICH THE COMPANY HAS DEVELOPED ITS AAC RIDER IN THESE CASES? Yes. I do not agree that the Company's inclusion of a return on CWIP results in a reasonable AAC charge. The Company's charges are not appropriate for a deregulated generation environment. Even a revenue requirement determined in Ohio through a traditional regulatory cost calculation would require that any CWIP be at least 75% complete before the PUCO would consider allowing a return on CWIP. The Company testimony does not demonstrate that the CWIP portion of the "environmental compliance net plant" is or will be at least 75% complete (or any other percentage) during the time the AAC is being collected. In addition, under a traditional regulatory paradigm the Company might propose

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allowing a return on CWIP that customers would pay up front during plant

construction, with a claim that the return on CWIP would provide lower capital