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BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for an Increase in Electric Distribution Rates)	Case No. 08-709-EL-AIR
)	
In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for Tariff Approval)	Case No. 08-710-EL-ATA
)	
In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for Approval to Change Accounting Methods)	Case No. 08-710-EL-AAM
)	
In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for Approval of its Rider BDP, Backup Delivery Point Rider)	Case No. 06-718-EL-ATA
)	

Prepared Testimony
of
Mary Alice Sutton
Accounting and Electricity Division
Utilities Department

Staff Exhibit ____

March 30, 2009

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1 PREPARED TESTIMONY OF MARY ALICE SUTTON

2 1. Q. Please state your name and business address.

3 A. My name is Mary Alice Sutton. My business address is 180 East Broad
4 Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

5 2. Q. By who are you employed?

6 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO).

7 3. Q. What is your current position with the Public Utilities Commission of
8 Ohio?

9 A. My current position is Utility Specialist 1 in the Accounting and Electricity
10 Division of the Utilities Department.

11 4. Q. Would you briefly state your educational background?

12 A. I earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Franklin University
13 Columbus, OH in August 2004. I also have an Associate of Applied
14 Science in Accounting from Columbus State Community College that I
15 earned in June 1997. In addition, I have attended various seminars and rate
16 case training programs sponsored by this Commission.

17 5. Q. What are your responsibilities in this proceeding?

18 A. I am responsible for the rate case expense, reclassification of interest on
19 customers' deposits, property taxes, Edison Electric Institute expense
20 (EEI), Ohio Excise Tax Rider, PUCO & OCC Assessments and Cincinnati
21 Franchise Tax portions of the Operating Income schedules.

1 6. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

2 A. The purpose of my testimony is to respond to the objection to the Staff
3 Report of Investigation filed on January 27, 2009; I will respond to the
4 Applicant's Operating Income Objection 10 to Edison Electric Institute
5 (EEI) expense issue raised by Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.

6 7. Q. Do you agree with the Applicant's Operating Income Objection 10 that
7 Staff incorrectly calculated the test year EEI expense and improperly
8 excludes amounts incorrectly allocated to the Company's gas operations?

9 A. No, I do not.

10 8. Q. Please explain why you do not agree with Applicant's objection.

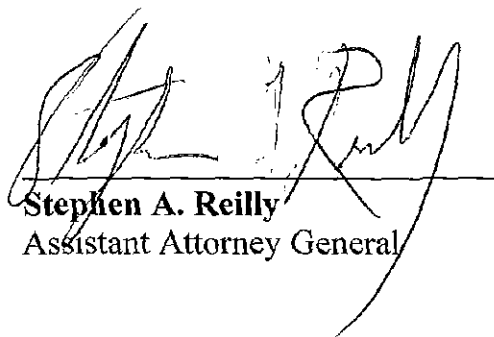
11 A. Staff calculated test year EEI expense by taking total Duke Energy
12 Corporation dues and allocating 18.058 percent (Applicant's WPC-3.11A
13 and B) to DE-Ohio, the resultant amount represented DE-Ohio's share of
14 EEI dues. DE-Ohio's share of EEI dues was then allocated to electric
15 distribution using a total factor of 85 percent. Staff then excluded various
16 items using percentages provided by Applicant (WPC-3.11C).

17 9. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

18 A. Yes.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing Testimony of Mary Alice Sutton was served via electronic mail and/or regular U.S. mail, postage prepaid upon the following parties of record this 30th day of March, 2009.


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