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**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of	)	Case No.09-1875-GA-RDR
The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a	)	AMR Annual Filing For
Dominion East Ohio to adjust its	)	Calendar Year 2009
Automated Meter Reading Cost	)	
Recovery Charge and related Matters.	)	

**PREFILED TESTIMONY  
OF  
IBRAHIM SOLIMAN  
ACCOUNTING AND ELECTRICITY DIVISION  
UTILITIES DEPARTMENT  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

**Staff Exhibit \_\_\_\_\_**

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

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3 A. My name is Ibrahim Soliman. My business address is 180 E. Broad Street,  
4 Columbus, Ohio 43266-0573  
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6 2. Q. By whom are you employed?  
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8 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO)  
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10 3. Q. Would you please state your background?  
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12 A. I received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Cairo  
13 University in 1976 with a major in Accounting. I have completed many  
14 regulatory training programs. I was employed by Lewis and Michael  
15 Storage Inc. from February 1979 until June 1980 as a junior accountant. I  
16 began my current employment with the PUCO in July 1980. I am a certified  
17 public accountant, a certified internal auditor, and a certified management  
18 accountant.  
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20 4. Q. What is your current position with the PUCO and what are your duties?  
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22 A. I am an Administrator in the Accounting and Electricity Division of the  
23 Utilities Department. My duties include the planning of rate case  
24 investigations, supervising auditors assigned to the investigation, and  
25 overseeing the preparation and presentation of both text and schedules for  
26 the operating income and rate base sections of the Staff report of  
27 investigation. I prepare and present written and oral testimony in support of  
28 Staff's positions presented in all utility industries.  
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1 5. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

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3 A. I have the overall responsibility for the Staff's recommendation in this case;  
4 specifically, the recommendation for the annualized Ohio property tax  
5 expense. I am also sponsoring the Staff's recommended AMR revenue  
6 requirement and the resulting monthly charge.

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8 6. Q. What is the Staff's recommendation to the Commission in this proceeding?

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10 A. The Staff recommends that the Commission adopt the Staff's calculation of  
11 the AMR revenue requirement and resulting monthly charge of \$0.47 for all  
12 applicable customers. The Staff's calculation of the AMR monthly charge  
13 is just and reasonable and should be adopted.

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15 **Annualized Ohio Property Tax Expense**

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17 7. Q. Would you please explain the Staff's recommendation regarding the  
18 calculation of the Ohio property tax expense associated AMR investments?

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20 A. Yes. The Company's calculation of Ohio property tax expense is based on  
21 an estimated property tax rate, where the Staff's calculation is based on the  
22 latest known actual property tax rate.

23 8. Q. What is the result of the Staff's utilization the latest known actual property  
24 tax rate?

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26 A. The annualized property tax expense shown in the Company's AMR  
27 Schedule 8 should be reduced by \$367,881, and the AMR charge rate  
28 should be reduced by \$0.02 to reflect the impact of the Staff's utilization of  
29 the actual property tax rate. The Staff's recommendation is just and

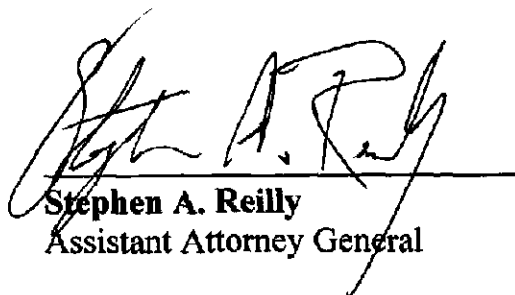
1 reasonable for this alternative ratemaking proceeding and it is consistent  
2 with last year AMR Stipulation.

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4 9. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

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6 A. Yes, it does.

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing Testimony of Ibrahim Soliman was served via electronic mail and/or regular U.S. mail, postage prepaid upon the following parties of record this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010.



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