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        BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO
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     In the Matter of the
    Application of The East
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    Ohio Gas Company, d/b/a
    Dominion East Ohio for
    Approval to Modify and :Case No. 11-2401-GA-ALT
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    Further Accelerate its
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    Pipeline Infrastructure
    Replacement Program and
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    to Recover the Associated:
    Costs.
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                          PROCEEDINGS
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    before Mr. Scott Farkas and Ms. Katie Stenman,
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    Attorney Examiners, at the Public Utilities
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    Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Room 11-C,
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    Columbus, Ohio, called at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday,
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1 Wednesday Morning Session, July 6, 2011. 2 3 4 EXAMINER FARKAS: Let's go on the record. 5 The Commission is called for hearing at 6 this time and place in the Matter of the Application 7 of the East Ohio Gas Company, d/b/a Dominion East 8 Ohio, for Approval to Modify and Further Accelerate 9 its Pipeline Infrastructure Replacement Program and 10 to Recover the Associated Costs, Case No. 11 11-2401-GA-ALT. 12 My name is Scott Farkas, also next to me 13 is Katie Stenman. We are the Attorney Examiners 14 assigned to hear this case. 15 I'll take appearances first on behalf of 16 the company? 17 MR. WHITT: On behalf of Dominion East Ohio, Mark Whitt, from the firm of Carpenter, Lipps & 18 19 Leland, 280 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215. 20 MR. OLIKER: On behalf of the Industrial 21 Energy Users of Ohio, Joseph Oliker, with the law 2.2 firm of McNees, Wallace & Nurick, 21 East State 23 Street, Floor 17, Columbus, Ohio, 43215. 24 MR. REILLY: Thank you. On behalf of the

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EXAMINER FARKAS: Thank you.

I'll note for the record that the docketing card indicates that the company did publish notice of the hearing.

MR. WHITT: That is correct.

EXAMINER FARKAS: And I'll note for the record there are no members of the public present in the hearing room.

The last entry that was issued in this case was June 29th, and on that entry we granted an extension of the time for filing testimony by staff and intervenors, and indicated that the hearing would go forward as to what's in the publication.

However, the purpose of the hearing was to discuss status of negotiations and indicate if there were any procedural matters at this point outstanding.

So who would like to discuss that?

MR. REILLY: Just briefly, where things stand, I think the parties are certainly getting closer and may be very close on a settlement.

Various stipulations have been circulated.

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At this point in time there is an agreement on language between the staff and the company and various other parties are taking a look at it. That's about the status of it.

EXAMINER FARKAS: And what about that? Is that also your understanding?

MR. OLIKER: Yeah, we're very close I believe. There's probably a few details to be hammered out.

EXAMINER FARKAS: In terms of the company's expectations when any increases or when the program would go into effect, what's the company's view on that?

MR. WHITT: Yesterday would be great.
Well, obviously the sooner we could get the program started certainly is preferable to the company, understanding any stipulation has to be approved by the Commission. And that will take some period of time. Which is up to the Commission.

EXAMINER FARKAS: And we would also want to have somebody, a witness, assuming there is a stipulation, a global stipulation, that all parties sign.

MR. WHITT: If I may, your Honor,

6 would -- perhaps we could go off the record 1 momentarily to discuss a schedule going forward which 2 we haven't done yet? Would that be possible? 3 4 EXAMINER FARKAS: Let's go off the 5 record. 6 (Off the record.) 7 EXAMINER FARKAS: Back on the record. 8 Off the record the parties had a 9 discussion as to procedural dates and the parties 10 will file a stipulation and/or testimony on the merit 11 issues of the case on or before July 15th, and the 12 hearing will be held on July 22nd, at 9:00 o'clock. 13 Anything further? 14 MR. WHITT: Nothing from the company. 15 MR. REILLY: Just one reflection that we 16 talked about off the record, that if there is a 17 stipulation and testimony in support of the stipulation could be live testimony? 18 19 EXAMINER FARKAS: Yes. 20 Okay, hearing nothing, we'll stand 21 adjourned, thank you. (Hearing adjourned at 9:19 a.m.) 2.2 23 24 25

## CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on Wednesday, July 6, 2011, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Julieanna Hennebert, Registered Professional Reporter and RMR and Notary Public in and for the State of Ohio.

My commission expires February 19, 2013.

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