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. 12-1682-EL-AIR
In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Tariff Approval.))	Case No. 12-1683-EL-ATA
In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Approval to Change Accounting Methods.)))	Case No. 12-1684-EL-AAM

PREFILED TESTIMONY OF JUDY SARVER UTILITIES DEPARTMENT CAPITAL RECOVERY & FINANCIAL ANALYSIS DIVISION PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

STAFF EXHIBIT _____

March 20, 2013

1	1. Q.	Please state your name and business address?
2	A.	My name is Judy Sarver. My business address is 180 East Broad Street,
3		Columbus, Ohio 43215.
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5	2. Q.	By whom are you employed?
6	А.	I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.
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8	3. Q.	What is your position with the Public Utilities Commission and what are
9		your duties?
10	А.	My current position is a Utility Specialist III in the Capital Recovery & Financial
11		Analysis Division of the Utilities Department. The duties of this position include:
12		reviewing rate case applications and depreciation accrual rate represcriptions,
13		reviewing public utility records and analyzing accrual rate information to
14		determine the appropriate depreciation reserve and expense.
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16	4. Q.	Would you state briefly your educational background and work experience?
17	А.	I earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree that included a Major in Accounting from
18		Glenville State College in May 1981. I came to the Public Utilities Commission
19		as a Utility Examiner I in November 1982 and was promoted to Utility
20		Examiner II in February 1984. In April 1984, I began working in the
21		Depreciation Section. I was reassigned to a Utility Examiner III in March 1987,
22		which was later re-titled Utility Audit Coordinator. In January 1999, I was
23		promoted to position as Utility Specialist I in depreciation. In August 2006, I was

1		promoted to my present position as Utility Specialist III in depreciation. I have
2		attended Programs II (Fundamentals of Service Life and Salvage Analysis), III
3		(Dynamics of Life and Salvage Estimation), D (Modeling and Simulation), and E
4		(Conducting a Depreciation Study) at the Center for Depreciation Studies in
5		Kalamazoo, Michigan. In addition, I have attended various seminars and rate
6		case training programs sponsored by this Commission. I have prepared and
7		presented testimony in Ohio Power Case No. 85-726-EL-AIR and 94-966-EL-
8		AIR, Toledo Edison Case No. 85-554-EL-AIR, Cincinnati Gas & Electric Case
9		Nos. 90-390-GA-AIR, 92-1463-GA-AIR, 92-1464-EL-AIR, and Ohio Bell
10		Telephone Company Case No. 93-487-TP-ALT. I have prepared testimony in
11		Ohio American Water Company Case No. 11-4161-WS-AIR, Duke Energy Ohio,
12		Inc. Case No. 08-709-EL-AIR, and other cases. I am a member of the Society of
13		Depreciation Professionals.
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15	5. Q.	What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?
16	А.	The purpose of my testimony is to support the Staff's calculations of the
17		Depreciation Reserve, Depreciation Expense, and Accrual Rates.
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19	6. Q.	To which objections will you be responding?
20	А.	I will respond to OCC's Objection 17 and 18 and to the Applicant's Objection 5.
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22	7. Q.	In its Objection 17, the OCC alleges that the Staff failed to eliminate the
23		depreciation expense on General Miscellaneous Intangible plant that will be

fully depreciated by the end of the test year. Do you agree with this objection?

3 A. No. The Miscellaneous Intangible plant consists of capitalized software costs 4 being depreciated over various periods of time. OCC's witness David Effron 5 indicated in his testimony that certain vintages of this intangible plant became 6 fully depreciated during the test year and should be eliminated on a pro forma 7 basis. But as of date certain this plant is not fully depreciated. Therefore, the Staff 8 recommends that the depreciation expense be based on the plant in service used 9 and useful at date certain. This synchronizes the expense with the investment and 10 does not single out individual additions, retirements or items fully depreciated 11 after date certain. This is consistent with the Commission's policy of synchronizing test- period depreciation expenses with the rate base.¹ 12 13

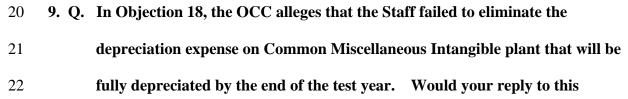
14 The Staff also recommends that a full twelve months of the expense be 15 recognized. Recognizing twelve months of this expense annualizes the cost of the 16 test year to allow the applicant an opportunity to recover a normally expected 17 level of operating expenses. Recognizing an amount representing less than twelve 18 months of the expense would result in an understatement.

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Q. Also, in its Objection 17, OCC's alleges that the Staff failed to eliminate
depreciation expense that is not properly documented. Specifically, in
General Miscellaneous Intangible Plant, the reserve for vintage 2010, as

¹ Opinion and Order Case No. 85-675-EL-AIR, page 58 and 59.

1		shown on Mr. Effron's testimony attachment DJE-2, is five times higher
2		than the value of the plant due to this discrepancy the annual depreciation
3		should be eliminated. Do you agree?
4	A.	No. In examining Mr. Effron's attachment DJE-2, I can only surmise that the
5		discrepancies in the 2010 vintages might have something to do with how the
6		Smartgrid Rider dollars were removed from the vintage data but I can't be certain.
7		The Staff, on the other hand, did not look at vintage data but examined every
8		individual piece of software, as shown on attachment JAS-1, that was included in
9		intangible plant before making an adjustment for the Smartgrid Rider.
10		Attachment JAS-1 is the Applicant's response to Data Request No. 79 which
11		consists of a listing of each assets book balance, reserve balance, and the monthly
12		depreciation expense as of date certain of March 31, 2012. The Staff included
13		only the amortization dollars from assets that were not fully depreciated as of date
14		certain and from that total amortization dollars the Staff then deducted the
15		amortization dollars associated with the Smartgrid Rider. As a result, the Staff did
16		not have the discrepancies that Mr. Effron did. Hence, the Staff believes that its
17		amortization of \$2,030,355 for General Miscellaneous Intangible Plant on Staff's
18		Schedule B-3.2 is appropriate.
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1	objection be the same as your reply to OCC objection 17 in regards to plant
2	that would be fully depreciated by the end of the test year?
3	A. Yes it would. Therefore, Staff believes that its amortization of \$3,133,484 for
4	Common Miscellaneous Intangible Plant on Staff's Schedule B-3.2 is appropriate.
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6	10. Q. In Objection 5, the Applicant alleges that the Staff's recommendation to
7	amortize the depreciation of the company's old meters over 7.25 years rather
8	than the accelerate the depreciation as requested by the company is
9	erroneous in two respects, with the first being the depreciation expense
10	includes equipment dollars not related to the legacy residential meters
11	replaced as part of the grid modernization initiative and secondly even with
12	respect to just the meters, amortizing these meters over 7.25 year period,
13	fails to recognize that all of those meters will be replaced/retired by 2015. Do
14	you have any comment?
15	A. Yes, I do. According to the testimony of Applicant's witness Daniel Reilly, there
16	is \$9,031,601 associated with Instrumentation Transformers in the Meters and
17	Leased Meters accounts that are not related to the legacy residential meters being
18	replaced as part of the grid modernization initiative. The Staff found no
19	indication in the Applicant's Application and/or the Applicant's Depreciation
20	Study that these Information Transformers were not to be included as part of the
21	grid modernization initiative, however, in light of Mr. Reilly's testimony, the
22	Staff agrees that the Staff's Depreciation Expense on Staff's Schedule B-3.2
23	should be adjusted to separate the Instrumentation Transformers from Meters and

1	Leased Meters. The Staff's depreciation expense adjustment is shown on
2	Attachment JAS-2.
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4	11. Q. With respect to the meters, did the Staff fail to recognize, in its amortization
5	period of 7.25 years, that all meters will be replaced/retired by 2015 or end
6	of 2014 as stated in Mr. Reilly's testimony?
7	A. No. The amortization period of 10 years, 7.25 years remaining as of date
8	certain in this proceeding, for the Meters and Leased Meters dying accounts'
9	unrecovered investment, was authorized in rates that went into effect in the
10	Opinion and Order in Case No. 08-709-EL-AIR, which the Applicant began
11	booking in July 2009. This 10-year amortization period was based on the
12	premise that all embedded meters would have been replaced/retired by year end
13	2012 consequently earlier than what now will be accomplished in 2015.
14	Therefore, the Staff believes that the continuation of the amortization period as
15	authorized in Case No. 08-709-EL-AIR, with 7.25 years remaining, is
16	appropriate.
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18	12. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?
19	A. Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testimony as
20	new information subsequently becomes available or in response to positions taken
21	by other parties.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Testimony of Judy Sarver, submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, was served via electronic mail, upon the parties listed below, this 20th day of March, 2013.

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Attachment JAS-1

Duke Energy Ohio Case No. 12-1682-EL-AIR Staff Seventy-Ninth Set Data Requests Date Received: September 10, 2012

STAFF-DR-079-001

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REQUEST:

In regards to Company's response to Staff's Data Request No. 43 item No. 1, please provide the detail for March 2012 monthly amortization amounts of \$269,928.20, \$86,531, and \$582,592.23 in the same response format of the attached PDF file (rom the prior electric rate case.

RESPONSE:

See Attachment "STAFF-DR-79-001a" for detail of amortization for Account 3030, Attachment "SIAFF-DR-79-001b" for Adjustment of Smartgrid and Attachment "STAFF-DR-79-001c" for detail of amortization for Account 1030.

PERSON RESPONSIBLE: Dan Reilly

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Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. Case No. 12-1682-EL-AIR Meter Depreciation Expense

Account 3700 Meters Plant as of March 31, 1012	
	41,968,249
Less: Instrumentation Transformers Plant	(6,341,273)
Adjusted Plant	35,626,976
Reserve as of March 31, 2012	12,697,346
Less: Instrumentation Transformers Reserve	(2,504,250)
Adjusted Reserve	 10,193,096
Net Plant Account 3700	25,433,880
Remaining Years of a 10 year Amortization	7.25
Adjusted Amortization Expense	\$ 3,508,121

Account 3701 Leased Meters		
Plant as of March 31, 1012		17,699,187
Less: Instrumentation Transformers Plant		(2,690,328)
Adjusted Plant		15,008,859
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Reserve as of March 31, 2012		4,187,966
Less: Instrumentation Transformers Reserve		(563,234)
Adjusted Reserve		3,624,732
Net Plant Account 3701		11,384,127
Remaining Years of a 10 year Amortization		7.25
Adjusted Amortization Expense	\$	1,570,224
Account 3703		
Instrumentation Transformers Plant		9,031,601
Accrual Rate		2.86%
Depreciation Expense	\$	258,304
Staff's Schedule B-3.2 Total Depreciation Expense	s	50.000.000
ess: Account 3700 at allocation 100%	ş	59,119,627
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Add: Account 3701 Adjusted at allocation 100%		3,508,121
Add: Instrumentation Transformers at allocation 100%		1,570,224 258,304
itaff's Total Depreciation Expense	\$	58,555,294
Reduction in Staff's Total Depreciation Expense	\$	(564,333)

Account 3703 Accrual Rate derived from Case No. 08-709-EL-AIR Depreciation Text

Duke Energy Ohio Case No. 12-1682-EL-AIR Instrumentation Transformers (in Daniel Reilly's Supplemental direct testimony) Values as of date certain - March 31, 2012

		Allocated	
Utility Account	Original Cost	Depreciation Reserve	Net Book Value
3700 - Meters	6,341,273	2,504,250	3,837,023
3701 - Leased Meters	2,690,328	563,234	2,127,093
Total Instrumentation Transformers	9,031,601	3,067,484	5,964,116

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