

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the :  
Application of Ohio Power :  
Company to update its : Case No. 13-1406-EL-RDR  
Transmission Cost :  
Recovery Rider. :  
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PROCEEDINGS

Before Sarah J. Parrot, Attorney Examiner, held at the  
offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180  
East Broad Street, Hearing Room 11-D, Columbus, Ohio,  
on Thursday, November 14, 2013, at 10:05 a.m.

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Thursday Morning Session,  
November 14, 2013.

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ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Let's go on the  
record. This is the continuation of Case No.  
13-1406-EL-RDR being in the Matter of the Application  
of Ohio Power Company to update its Transmission Cost  
Recovery Rider rates.

My name is Sarah Parrot and I'm the  
Attorney Examiner assigned by the Commission to hear  
this case.

Let's get started with appearances and we  
will start with Ohio Power Company.

MR. ALAMI: Thank you, your Honor. On  
behalf of the Ohio Power Company, Steven Nourse,  
Matthew Satterwhite, Yazen Alami, One Riverside Plaza,  
29th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you, Mr. Alami.  
And let's just work our way around the table.

MS. KYLER COHN: Good morning, Your Honor.  
On behalf of the Ohio Energy Group, Michael Kurtz and  
Jody Kyler Cohn from the firm of Boehm, Kurtz & Lowry,  
36 East 7th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45236.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you.

MR. PRITCHARD: I'm Matthew Pritchard on

1       behalf of the Industrial Energy Users of Ohio with the  
2       law firm McNees, Wallace & Nurick, 21 East State  
3       Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

4               ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you.

5               MR. BERGER: Your Honor, good morning.  
6       Edmund Berger on behalf of the Office of the Ohio  
7       Consumers' Counsel, 10 West Broad Street, Columbus,  
8       Ohio 43215.

9               ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you. Staff?

10              MR. O'ROURKE: Thank you, your Honor. Ryan  
11       O'Rourke and with me is Tom Lindgren. We're with the  
12       Ohio Attorney General's Office, Public Utilities  
13       Section representing Staff today. Our address is 180  
14       East Broad, 6th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

15              ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you, everyone.  
16       And it's my understanding that a stipulation and  
17       recommendation was filed in this case on November 8th  
18       for the Commission's consideration. Mr. Alami?

19              MR. ALAMI: That's correct, your Honor.  
20       And, your Honor, the parties have discussed earlier  
21       that we would just -- we have several exhibits and as  
22       part of the stipulation, the parties have agreed to the  
23       admission of those exhibits without cross-examination.  
24       The exhibits that we'll be moving for admission are  
25       outlined in the stipulation and if your Honor would be

1       okay, we would just proceed with moving those exhibits  
2       into the record at this time.

3               ATTORNEY EXAMINER:   Okay.   Please proceed.

4               MR. ALAMI:   Thank you, your Honor.   The  
5       company would mark as AEP Ohio Exhibit 1, the  
6       application filed on June 17th, 2013.

7               ATTORNEY EXAMINER:   So marked.

8               MR. ALAMI:   As AEP Ohio Exhibit No. 2, AEP  
9       Ohio's reply comments filed on August 13, 2013.

10              ATTORNEY EXAMINER:   So marked.

11              MR. ALAMI:   As AEP Ohio Exhibit No. 3, the  
12       direct testimony of Andrea E. Moore filed on October  
13       8th, 2013.   As AEP Ohio Exhibit No. 4, the direct  
14       testimony of Eric J. Gleckler filed on October 8th,  
15       2013.   And as AEP Ohio Exhibit No 5, testimony of  
16       Andrea E. Moore in support of the stipulation and  
17       recommendation filed on November 8th -- excuse me,  
18       filed on November 12th, 2013.

19              ATTORNEY EXAMINER:   Those exhibits are so  
20       marked.

21              MR. ALAMI:   Thank you, your Honor.   We  
22       would also ask that we mark as Joint Exhibit 1 the  
23       joint stipulation and recommendation filed on November  
24       8th, 2013.

25              ATTORNEY EXAMINER:   All right.   So marked.

1 MR. ALAMI: And we ask that those exhibits  
2 be admitted into the record as there's been an  
3 indication there would be no cross.

4 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: All right. Are there  
5 any objections to the admission of AEP Exhibits 1  
6 through 5 or Joint Exhibit 1? Seeing none,  
7 AEP Exhibits 1 through 5 and Joint Exhibit 1 are  
8 admitted into the record.

9 Do other parties have documents that they  
10 wish to --

11 MR. PRITCHARD: Yes, your Honor.

12 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: All right. Very good.  
13 Thank you, Mr. Pritchard.

14 MR. PRITCHARD: Good morning, your Honor.  
15 While IEU Ohio is not a signatory party to this  
16 stipulation, the stipulation recommended that all of  
17 the comments and testimony be moved into the record.  
18 IEU Ohio had filed comments, so I would like to mark  
19 IEU Ohio's comments filed on July 29, 2013, as IEU Ohio  
20 Exhibit 1.

21 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: So marked.

22 MR. PRITCHARD: And just a brief statement  
23 for the record. IEU Ohio participated in the  
24 settlement discussions and while IEU Ohio does not  
25 oppose the outcome of this case, which recognize the

1 reduction and the revenue requirement requested in AEP  
2 Ohio's application, IEU Ohio did not agree to all the  
3 language of the stipulation, but we don't oppose the  
4 outcome and we won't have any cross-examination today.

5 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you for that  
6 clarification. Are there any objections to the  
7 admission of IEU Exhibit 1? Seeing none, it shall be  
8 admitted. Mr. Berger?

9 MR. BERGER: Thank you, you Honor. The  
10 Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel has three  
11 exhibits we would like to mark for the record. The  
12 first is OCC's comments filed on July 29th, 2013. We'd  
13 like to mark that as OCC Exhibit 1.

14 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: So marked.

15 MR. BERGER: The direct testimony of Beth  
16 E. Hixon we would like to mark as OCC Exhibit No. 2.

17 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: So marked.

18 MR. BERGER: And the direct testimony of  
19 Sari Fink in support of the stipulation, which was  
20 filed yesterday, we'd like to mark it as OCC Exhibit  
21 No. 3.

22 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: So marked.

23 MR. BERGER: I'm providing the court  
24 reporter with copies of those at this time. Do you  
25 need a copy of those?



1 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: No, thank you.

2 MR. BERGER: Your Honor, I believe all  
3 parties have waived cross-examination and by  
4 stipulation we would move for the admission of these  
5 exhibits into the record.

6 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: All right. Are there  
7 any objections? Seeing none, OCC Exhibits 1 through 3  
8 are admitted.

9 MR. BERGER: Thank you.

10 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you, Mr. Berger.  
11 Staff?

12 MR. O'ROURKE: Thank you, your Honor.  
13 Staff has three exhibits that it would like to have  
14 marked. First, Staff Exhibit 1 are the comments filed  
15 by Staff on August 13th, 2013. The second would be  
16 Staff Exhibit 2, and this is the testimony of Jeffrey  
17 Hecker. And the third Staff exhibit would be the  
18 testimony of Dave Lipthratt in support of the  
19 stipulation.

20 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: The exhibits are so  
21 marked.

22 MR. O'ROURKE: And we have copies for the  
23 court reporter.

24 MR. BERGER: Ryan, the comments of Staff,  
25 is that the review and recommendations?

1 MR. O'ROURKE: Yes.

2 It's my understanding, your Honor, there's  
3 no cross-examination on any of the exhibits so we would  
4 seek to have them moved into the record.

5 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Are there any  
6 objections to the admission of Staff Exhibits 1 through  
7 3? Seeing none, those exhibits are also admitted into  
8 the record.

9 MR. PRITCHARD: Your Honor, while I was  
10 presenting my exhibits I didn't ask for their  
11 admission. I'm not sure if you had noted that IEU Ohio  
12 Exhibit 1 had been admitted or not.

13 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: I believe we did. I  
14 believe you've done so, but just in case, as a  
15 precautionary measure, IEU Exhibit 1 is admitted into  
16 the record, Mr. Pritchard.

17 MR. PRITCHARD: Thank you, your Honor.

18 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Is there anything else  
19 to come before us today? All right. Seeing nothing  
20 then, we are adjourned and I thank you all for your  
21 hard work on the stipulation.

22 (Proceedings concluded at 10:10 a.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on November 14, 2013, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

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CATHERINE PASSMORE  
Certified Shorthand Reporter and  
Notary Public in and for the  
State of Ohio

My commission expires July 23, 2018

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