

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of **Ohio** :
Power Company for Authority to : Case No. 13-2385-EL-SSO
Establish a Standard Service Offer :
Pursuant to Section 4928.143, Revised :
Code, in the Form of an Electric Security :
Plan. :

In the Matter of the Application of **Ohio** :
Power Company for Approval of Certain : Case No. 13-2386-EL-AAM
Accounting Authority. :

**PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF
MATTHEW D. SNIDER
RATES DIVISION
UTILITIES DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

Staff Exhibit _____

May 20, 2014

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

2 A. My name is Matthew Snider. 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 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO).

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8 3. Q. What is your current position with the PUCO and what are your duties?

9 A. I am a Utility Specialist in the Rates Division within the Utilities
10 Department. My duties include analyzing and auditing the financial
11 statements of Public Utility Companies, for the purpose of ratemaking, that
12 fall under the jurisdiction of the PUCO.

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

15 A. I earned a Bachelor of Science in Business from Miami University with
16 majors in both Finance and Accounting in May of 2009.

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18 5. Q. Please outline your work experience.

19 A. Following my graduation from Miami University in 2009. I went to work
20 for Winfree, Ruff & Associates, Ltd, CPAs as a tax accountant. After
21 working there for nearly two years, I joined the Public Utilities
22 Commission in February 2011 as a Utility Auditor 1. Four months later, I

1 was promoted to Utility Auditor 2. In October 2013, I was promoted again
2 to my current position of Utility Specialist 1.

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4 6. Q. What's the purpose of your testimony?

5 A. The purpose of this testimony is to address the Auction Cost Reconciliation
6 Rider (ACRR) which will be replacing an existing mechanism, the Auction
7 Phase in Rider (APIR).

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9 7. Q. What is the Company proposing?

10 A. The Company is proposing to collect through this rider all costs associated
11 with the competitive bid process such as auction manager fees, incremental
12 auction costs, costs of contingency plans, and the over or under balancing
13 fees associated with amounts billed to customers versus what was actually
14 paid to auction winners. Recovery of this rider is on a per kWh basis and
15 will be updated quarterly as shown on Exhibit AEM-4.

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17 8. Q. Does Staff agree with the Company's proposal?

18 A. Staff agrees in general with the Company's proposal as shown on Exhibit
19 AEM-4. However, the Company should be allowed to collect only the
20 prudently incurred costs associated with the competitive bid process;
21 language stating the recovery of all associated auction costs is too vague.
22 Furthermore, Staff is amenable to quarterly updates to the ACRR rider, but

1 Staff recommends that rider ACRR be subjected to an audit by the
2 Commission Staff on an annual basis and recommends that the Commission
3 direct the Company to work with Staff regarding details such as the
4 timeline and dates of the annual filing.

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6 9. Q. Does Staff have any other concerns regarding rider ACRR?

7 A. Yes. Because rider ACRR is replacing an existing mechanism, rider
8 APIR, Staff is concerned that there may be an overlap of costs between the
9 two riders. Therefore, Staff recommends that the Commission, through its
10 opinion and order in this case, instruct Staff to ensure that there is no
11 overlap of costs any future audit of the ACRR rider. This way, any future
12 Staff member that may be auditing the ACRR rider will be made aware that
13 this potential for overlap of costs may be an issue and will be watchful of
14 this potential issue.

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16 10. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

17 A. Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testi-
18 mony as described herein, as new information subsequently becomes avail-
19 able or in response to positions taken by other parties.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Prefiled Testimony of **Matthew D. Snider** submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, was served by regular U.S. mail, postage prepaid, hand-delivered, and/or delivered via electronic mail, upon the following parties of record, this 20th day of May, 2014.

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