

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the :  
Application of The :  
East Ohio Gas Company :  
d/b/a Dominion East Ohio : Case No. 15-362-GA-ALT  
for Approval of an :  
Alternative Form of :  
Regulation. :

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PROCEEDINGS

before Ms. Mandy Chiles, Attorney Examiner, at the  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad  
Street, Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio, called at 10:00  
a.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

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Tuesday Morning Session,  
February 16, 2016.

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THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: The Public  
Utilities Commission of Ohio as called for hearing at  
this time and place Case No. 15-362-GA-ALT, being In  
the Matter of the Application of The East Ohio Gas  
Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio for Approval of an  
Alternative Form of Regulation to extend and increase  
its investment in the Pipeline Infrastructure  
Replacement Program.

My name is Mandy Chiles. I am the  
attorney examiner who has been assigned by the  
Commission to hear this case.

Let's begin by taking appearances of the  
parties beginning with the company.

MR. WHITT: Thank you, your Honor. On  
behalf of the applicant, Dominion East Ohio, the law  
firm of Whitt Sturtevant, Mark Whitt, Andrew  
Campbell, and Rebekah Glover.

THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you.

MR. BEELER: Thank you, your Honor. On  
behalf of the staff of the Public Utilities  
Commission of Ohio, Steven Beeler and John Jones,  
assistant attorney generals, with Office of Ohio

1 Attorney General Mike DeWine, 180 East Broad Street  
2 Columbus, Ohio.

3 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you.

4 MR. KUMAR: Your Honor, on behalf of the  
5 residential consumers of the Dominion East Ohio  
6 Company, Consumers Counsel Bruce Weston, Jodi Bair  
7 and Ajay Kumar.

8 MR. DARR: On behalf of the Industrial  
9 Energy Users of Ohio, the law firm of McNees, Wallace  
10 & Nurick, 21 East State Street, Columbus, Ohio.  
11 Appearing today, Frank Darr; also appearing on the  
12 record was Matt Pritchard.

13 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you.

14 MS. MOONEY: On behalf of the Ohio  
15 Partners for Affordable Energy, I am Colleen Mooney,  
16 231 West Lima Street, Findlay, Ohio.

17 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you.

18 I understand that a stipulation has been  
19 filed by Dominion and staff, and also that the  
20 parties -- although not all the parties are part of  
21 the Stipulation -- have agreed to all the testimony  
22 filed in the case, including supplemental testimony,  
23 and waive cross-examination.

24 Is that correct, Mr. Whitt?

25 MR. WHITT: Yes, your Honor, that is

1 correct.

2 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Does any party  
3 have a statement they would like to make on the  
4 record?

5 MR. KUMAR: No as the long the testimony  
6 includes comments and objections as well.

7 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you,  
8 Mr. Kumar.

9 Let's go ahead move and exhibits into the  
10 record formally, beginning with the company.

11 MR. WHITT: Thank you, your Honor. I  
12 have a number of exhibits beginning with Joint  
13 Exhibit 1, which is the Stipulation and  
14 Recommendation that was filed on DIS on February 3,  
15 2016, and, again, that would be Joint Exhibit 1.

16 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: So marked.

17 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

18 MR. WHITT: DEO Exhibit 1 is the Direct  
19 Testimony of Vicki Friscic, which was filed on DIS on  
20 March 31, 2015.

21 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: So marked.

22 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

23 MR. WHITT: DEO Exhibit 2 is the Direct  
24 Testimony of Michael Reed also filed on DIS on  
25 March 31, 2015.

1 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: So marked.

2 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

3 MR. WHITT: DEO Exhibit 3 is the  
4 Supplemental Direct Testimony of Vicki Friscic filed  
5 on January 21, 2016.

6 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: 10 marked.

7 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

8 MR. WHITT: DEO Exhibit 4 is the  
9 Supplemental Direct Testimony of Michael Reed filed  
10 on January 21, 2016.

11 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: So marked.

12 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

13 MR. WHITT: DEO Exhibit 5 is the  
14 Application for Approval of an Alternative Rate Plan  
15 filed on March 31, 2015.

16 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: So marked.

17 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

18 MR. WHITT: DEO Exhibit 6 is the Second  
19 Supplemental Direct Testimony of Vicki Friscic filed  
20 on February 11, 2016.

21 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: So marked.

22 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

23 MR. WHITT: And at this time, your Honor,  
24 that's the totality of the exhibits that the company  
25 would move into evidence and would now turn it over



1 to other parties to identify their exhibits.

2 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you.

3 Mr. Beeler.

4 MR. BEELER: Thank you. The staff would  
5 mark as Staff Exhibit 1 the letter regarding  
6 compliance of the Dominion application, and I think  
7 that was dated and filed April 23, 2015.

8 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: So marked.

9 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

10 MR. BEELER: Also marked Staff  
11 Exhibit 2 is the Report of the Staff of the Public  
12 Utilities Commission of Ohio in this case, and it was  
13 dated and filed on August 26, 2015.

14 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: So marked.

15 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

16 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you.

17 Mr. Kumar.

18 MR. KUMAR: As OCC Exhibit 1 we have the  
19 Comments by the Office of Ohio Consumers Counsel  
20 dated July 13, 2015.

21 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: So marked.

22 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

23 MR. KUMAR: As OCC Exhibit 2 we have the  
24 Objections to the Staff Report of Investigation by  
25 the Office of Ohio Consumers Counsel, and those were

1 filed on September 25, 2015.

2 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: So marked.

3 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

4 MR. KUMAR: OCC Exhibit 3 is the Direct  
5 Testimony of Daniel E. O'Neill filed February 4,  
6 2016.

7 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: So marked.

8 MR. KUMAR: And OCC Exhibit 4 is the  
9 Supplemental Testimony of Daniel E. O'Neill filed  
10 February 11, 2016.

11 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: So marked.

12 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

13 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you.

14 MR. KUMAR: Would you like a copy?

15 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: If you have one  
16 for the court reporter, that would be great. Thank  
17 you.

18 Mr. Darr.

19 MR. DARR: Nothing from IEU, your Honor.

20 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Ms. Mooney.

21 MS. MOONEY: Your Honor, are we marking  
22 the comments and objections from everybody to put in  
23 the record? Is that necessary?

24 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Yes. I'd prefer  
25 for you to mark and move your exhibits.

1 MS. MOONEY: Okay. Then I will see what  
2 I did file.

3 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you.

4 MS. MOONEY: I don't have a copy.

5 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you.

6 MS. MOONEY: Yes. OPAE filed Objections  
7 to the Staff Report on September 25, 2015, and I  
8 would ask that be admitted into the record.

9 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Okay. I'll mark  
10 that as OPAE Exhibit 1.

11 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

12 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Just to confirm,  
13 any objections to the admission of the marked  
14 exhibits?

15 Hearing none, all the exhibits marked  
16 will be admitted into the record.

17 (EXHIBITS ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

18 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Let's go off the  
19 record for a minute.

20 (Discussion off record.)

21 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Initial briefs  
22 will be due on March 15; reply briefs will be due on  
23 March 29.

24 Is there anything else to come before us  
25 today? Hearing none, we are adjourned. (10:41 a.m.)

CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on Tuesday, February 16, 2016, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

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Rosemary Foster Anderson,  
Professional Reporter and Notary  
Public in and for the State of  
Ohio.

My commission expires April 5, 2019.

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