

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the :
 Regulation of the Purchased :
 Gas Adjustment Clause : Case No. 24-211-GA-GCR
 Contained Within the :
 Rate Schedules of :
 Ohio Cumberland Gas Company :

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PROCEEDINGS

before Mr. Jesse Davis, Attorney Examiner, at the Public
 Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street,
 Room 11-D, Columbus, Ohio, 43215, called at 10:00 a.m.
 on Tuesday, May 21st, 2024.

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 3 MR. DAVIS: Good morning, everyone. It's
 4 approximately 10:03 a.m. Today is May 21st, 2024. The
 5 Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled for
 6 hearing at this time and place case number
 7 24-211-GA-GCR, which is titled In the Matter of the
 8 Regulation of the Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause
 9 Contained Within the Rate Schedules of Ohio Cumberland
 10 Gas Company, and related matters.
 11 My name is Jesse Davis. I am the
 12 administrative law judge assigned by the Commission to
 13 hear this case. And we will start with appearances,
 14 first on behalf of staff.
 15 MS. BOTSCHNER O'BRIEN: Thank you, Your
 16 Honor. Appearing on behalf of the staff of the Public
 17 Utilities Commission, my name is Amy Botschner O'Brien,
 18 assistant attorney general, Dave Yost, attorney general,
 19 John Jones, section chief, 180 East Broad Street,
 20 Columbus, Ohio, 43215.
 21 MR. DAVIS: Thank you very much. And I will
 22 just note for the sake of the record, no one is here on
 23 behalf of the company. So please go ahead and proceed.
 24 MS. BOTSCHNER O'BRIEN: Thank you, Your
 25 Honor. At this time, staff would like to call Mr.

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1 Tornain Matthews to the stand, please.
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 3 TORNAIN MATTHEWS,
 4 a witness herein, having been first duly sworn to
 5 testify to the truth, testified as follows:
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 7 MR. DAVIS: Thank you very much. Please be
 8 seated.
 9 MS. BOTSCHNER O'BRIEN: Your Honor, I have
 10 placed before the bench, the court reporter, and the
 11 witness multi-page documents, and I'll first just go
 12 through -- I'll go through them all.
 13 The first one is Staff Exhibit 1, which is a
 14 report by the staff of the Public Utilities Commission
 15 of Ohio, Ohio Cumberland Gas Company, 24-211-GA-GCR,
 16 financial audit of the gas costs recovery mechanisms for
 17 the costs incurred for the period of August, 2021
 18 through July, 2023, dated March 21st, 2024.
 19 The second one I would like to mention is
 20 the pre-filed testimony of Tornain Mathews, submitted on
 21 behalf of the Public Utilities Commission, and that is
 22 marked as Staff Exhibit 2.
 23 So for purposes of Mr. Tornain, Mr.
 24 Matthews -- let me just back up a little bit.
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<p>1 EXAMINATION</p> <p>2</p> <p>3 BY MS. BOTSCHNER O'BRIEN:</p> <p>4 Q. Would you please state your name and business</p> <p>5 address for the record?</p> <p>6 A. Yes. It's Tornain Matthews, and I'll spell that.</p> <p>7 It's T-O-R-N-A-I-N, and then the last name,</p> <p>8 M-A-T-T-H-E-W-S.</p> <p>9 Q. And you have before you what has been marked</p> <p>10 as -- we'll go for the first document, Staff Exhibit 1?</p> <p>11 A. Yes.</p> <p>12 Q. And can you identify this for us, please?</p> <p>13 A. Yes. This is the financial audit of the cost</p> <p>14 cost recovery mechanism for the costs incurred in the</p> <p>15 period of August, 2021 through July, 2023, that was</p> <p>16 filed on March 21st, 2024.</p> <p>17 Q. And was it prepared by you or at your direction?</p> <p>18 A. Yes, it was prepared by myself. Yes.</p> <p>19 Q. And have you had an opportunity to review this</p> <p>20 document prior to taking the stand?</p> <p>21 A. Yes, I have.</p> <p>22 Q. And do you have any changes to this document?</p> <p>23 A. No changes.</p> <p>24 Q. Okay. Before you also is another document marked</p> <p>25 as Staff Exhibit 2?</p>	<p>1 another exhibit that we've called Joint Exhibit 1. Can</p> <p>2 you identify this for the record?</p> <p>3 A. Yes. This is the stipulation and recommendation</p> <p>4 in the case, 24-211-GA-GCR, and this represents the</p> <p>5 agreement between staff and Ohio Cumberland.</p> <p>6 Q. Thank you.</p> <p>7 MS. BOTSCHNER O'BRIEN: At this point, this</p> <p>8 witness would be available for cross, but there is --</p> <p>9 Attorney Examiner, do you have any cross for this</p> <p>10 witness?</p> <p>11 MR. DAVIS: I have no questions.</p> <p>12 MS. BOTSCHNER O'BRIEN: Okay. Your Honor,</p> <p>13 I'd like to move for the admission of Staff Exhibit 1,</p> <p>14 Staff Exhibit 2, and Joint Exhibit 1.</p> <p>15 MR. DAVIS: Okay. Thank you. Exhibits</p> <p>16 marked as Staff Exhibit 1, Staff Exhibit 2, and Joint</p> <p>17 Exhibit 1 will all be admitted to the record.</p> <p>18</p> <p>19 (Staff Exhibits 1 and 2, Joint Exhibit 1 admitted to the</p> <p>20 record.)</p> <p>21</p> <p>22 MR. DAVIS: Please stand down, Mr. Matthews.</p> <p>23 Thank you very much.</p> <p>24 MR. MATTHEWS: Thank you.</p> <p>25 MR. DAVIS: I assume none, but for the sake</p>
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<p>1 A. Yes.</p> <p>2 Q. And could you identify that for us?</p> <p>3 A. Yes. It's my pre-filed testimony, filed in case</p> <p>4 24-211-GA-GCR.</p> <p>5 Q. And it was prepared by you, or under your</p> <p>6 direction?</p> <p>7 A. Yes, it was.</p> <p>8 Q. And have you had an opportunity to review this</p> <p>9 document?</p> <p>10 A. Yes.</p> <p>11 Q. And as a result of this review, do you have any</p> <p>12 additions or changes to this document?</p> <p>13 A. No, I do not.</p> <p>14 Q. And if I were to ask you the same questions that</p> <p>15 were contained in this document, would your answers be</p> <p>16 the same?</p> <p>17 A. Yes, they would.</p> <p>18 Q. Okay.</p> <p>19 MS. BOTSCHNER O'BRIEN: Your Honor, I would</p> <p>20 respectfully move for the admission of Staff Exhibit 1,</p> <p>21 as Mr. Matthews identified, and Staff Exhibit 2 that Mr.</p> <p>22 Matthews identified.</p> <p>23 MR. DAVIS: Thank you.</p> <p>24 BY MS. BOTSCHNER O'BRIEN:</p> <p>25 Q. And then also, Mr. Matthews, before you is</p>	<p>1 of propriety, is there anything else from staff for the</p> <p>2 good of order?</p> <p>3 MS. BOTSCHNER O'BRIEN: There is not. Thank</p> <p>4 you.</p> <p>5 MR. DAVIS: Thank you very much. With</p> <p>6 staff's witness examined and Staff Exhibits admitted to</p> <p>7 the record, and no presence for Ohio Cumberland, we are</p> <p>8 adjourned. Thank you very much.</p> <p>9</p> <p>10 (Hearing concluded at 10:10 a.m.)</p> <p>11 * * *</p> <p>12</p> <p>13</p> <p>14</p> <p>15</p> <p>16</p> <p>17</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p>

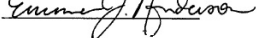
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3 I do hereby certify that the foregoing is true, correct
4 and complete written transcript of the proceedings in
5 this matter, taken by me on the 21st day of May, 2024,
6 and transcribed from my stenographic notes.

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