

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Consolidated Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. Rate Stabilization Plan Remand and Rider Adjustment Cases. Case Nos.

Nos. 03-93-EL-ATA 03-2079-EL-AAM 03-2080-EL-ATA 03-2081-EL-AAM 05-724-EL-UNC 05-725-EL-UNC 06-1068-EL-UNC 06-1069-EL-UNC 06-1085-EL-UNC

CORRECTED SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY OF L'NARD E. TUFTS PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO ACCOUNTING AND ELECTRICITY DIVISION

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Date submitted: March 9, 2007

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#### DUKE ENERGY ÖHIO<sup>®</sup> Case No. 06-1085 <u>Summary AAC Revenue Requirement</u>

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#### DUKE ENERGY OHIO Case No. 66-1085-EL-UNC Incremental Environmental Cost

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	Return on Environmental Plant		12/31/2000	5/31/2006		Inncrement
1)	Original Cost	\$	405,942,184	\$ 682,657,284	\$	276,715,100
2)	Reserve for Depreciation		165,336,370	221,251,787		55,915,417
3)	Net Plant		240,605,814	461,405,497		220,799,683
4)	Construction Work in Progress			249,891,773		249,891,773
5)	Total Environmental Plant	5	240,605,814	\$ 711,297,270	\$	470,691,456
6)	Pre-tex Return (11.69%)	\$	28,126,820	\$ 83,150,651	5	55:023.831
	Environmentati O&M Expenses					
7)	Operation and Maintenance		4,453,158	4,809,397		356,239
8)	Environmental Reagents		4,598,944	18,854,155		14,255,211
<del>9</del> )	Annualized Depreciation		7,749,260	17,766,538		10,017,278
10)	Total Environmental Revenue Requirement	\$	44,928,182	\$ 124,580,741	\$	79,652,559

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#### DURE ENERGY OPTO Case No. 06-1085-EL-UNC <u>Homeland Security Cost</u>

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	Return on Capital Expenditures	-	Information Technology		Cyber Secarliy		Physical Security		Total
1)	Original Cost	\$	84,370	\$	226,365	\$	28,531	5	339,266
2)	Reserve for Depreciation	-	22,499		56,591		<u></u>		79,092
3).	Net Plant	\$	61,871	\$	169,774	5	28,529	\$	260,174
4)	Pre-tax Return (1169%)	\$	7,233	5	19,847	\$	3,985	Ş	30.414
	Homeland Security O&M								
5)	Operation and Maintenance								34,387
6)	Annualized Depreciation		1 <b>6,87</b> 4		45,273		548		62,695
<b>?</b> )	Annualized Property Taxes	-		-			504		504
8)	Total Homeland Security Revenue Requirement	5	24,107	s	65,120	\$	4,387	\$	125,000

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### DUKE ENERGY OHIO Case No. 06-1085 <u>Tax Law Changes</u>

1) Section 199 - Production Activity Deduction	\$ (2,116,364)
2) Commercial Activity Tax vs. Ohio Franchise Tax	 (3,361,109)
3) Total Tax Law Changes	\$ (5,477,473)

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New Law	Change
154,159,400	
4.8525%	
7,480,585	
1,025,928,479	
0.1040%	
1,066,966	
145,611,849	
50,964,147	
58,444,732	(3,361,109)

## DUKE ENERGY OHIO Case No. 06-1085 Tax Law Changes + Section 199

- 1) Section 199 Deduction Year 2005 (a)
- 2) Ohio Franchise Rate Year 2006
- 3) Effective State Average Rate (5.1% / 105.1)
- 4) Effective Statutory Tax Rate
- 5) Less: Average Ohio Franchise Tax Rate
- 6) Net Effective Statutory Tax Rate
- 7) Statutory Federal Tax Rate
- 8) Effective Stautory Federal Tax Rate
- 9) Plus: Average Ohio Franchise Tax Rate
- 10) Total Effective Statutory Tax Rate

Overall Income Tax Reduction for the

11) 12-Months ended May 31, 2006

 Duke Energy Ohio's 2005 Section 199 Deduction
 After transfer of generating assets -Duke Energy Ohio's Share - 83.3%
 Duke Energy Kentucky's Share - 16.7% Attachment LET - 1 Page 6 of 6

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\$	5,547,119
	5.10%
	4.85%
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	-4.85%
	95.15%
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