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**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Edison :
Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating : Case No. 08-935-EL-SSO
Company and The Toledo Edison Company for :
Authority to Establish a Standard Service Offer :
Pursuant to R.C. 4928.143 in the Form of an :
Electric Security Plan. :

In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Edison :
Company, The Cleveland electric Illuminating : Case Nos. 09-21-EL-ATA
Company, and The Toledo Edison Company for : 09-22-EL-AEM
Approval of Rider FUEL and Related Accounting : 09-23-EL-AAM
Authority. :

**PREFILED TESTIMONY
OF
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1 1. Q. Please state your name and business address.

2 A. My name is Richard C. Cahaan, and I am employed by the Public Utilities
3 Commission of Ohio, 180 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215 as the
4 Chief Economist in the Capital Recovery and Financial Analysis Division
5 of the Utilities Department. I have been employed by the Staff of the
6 Commission since 1983 and have testified in numerous rate cases and other
7 proceedings before this Commission. A large proportion of my testimony
8 before this Commission has been regarding the cost of capital and the rate
9 of return to be granted to regulated utilities, although I have also presented
10 economic analysis regarding other issues, including the rate stabilization
11 plans of First Energy, CG&E, and AEP. I also have testified in First-
12 Energy's original SSO proceeding, Case No. 08-935-EL-SSO.

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14 I have received a B.A. degree from Hamilton College and an M.A. degree
15 in Economics from the University of Hawaii, and I have completed all
16 course work and passed the written and oral general and field examinations
17 at the Ph.D. level at Cornell University. I have been a faculty member,
18 either fulltime or part time, at the State University of New York --
19 Cortland, Eisenhower College, Ithaca College, Cornell University, the Ohio
20 State University, and the Graduate School of Business Administration of

1 Capital University. Prior to joining the Staff, I taught economics at the
2 Ohio State University.
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4 2. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

5 A. The purpose of this testimony is to provide the Staff's support of the
6 Stipulation and Recommendation being presented to the Commission.
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8 3. Q. In what way are you supporting the stipulation?

9 A. The Staff believes that the stipulation meets the relevant tests and merits
10 consideration as it is the product of serious bargaining among knowledge-
11 able and capable Signatory parties representing a wide range of interests.
12 Also, it violates no regulatory principle or precedent, although the rele-
13 vance of precedent is a bit attenuated by a lack of experience under SB 221.
14 Additionally, it is supported by adequate data and information. Of particu-
15 lar importance is the information and analysis showing that the proposed
16 ESP is superior to what might be expected under an MRO.
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18 4. Q. Why is this of particular importance?

19 A. Section 4928.143(C)(1) requires that the "the electric security plan so
20 approved, including its pricing and all other terms and conditions, including
21 and deferrals and any future recovery of deferrals, is more favorable in the

1 aggregate as compared to the expected results that would otherwise apply
2 under section 4928.142 of the Revised Code.”
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4 5. Q. Is, in fact, the proposed ESP superior to an MRO?

5 A. Yes. Exhibit [RCC-1?] shows an aggregate net benefit of the ESP to
6 customers at almost 100 million dollars.
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8 6. Q. How was this net benefit calculated?

9 A. Ratepayer benefits consist of five categories. These are:

- 10 a) the elimination of approximately \$215 million of CEI RTC's,
- 11 b) \$25 million of economic development funds contributed by the
12 Companies,
- 13 c) the value of the Stipulation's distribution rate freeze,
- 14 d) \$160.9 million of existing generation deferrals, and,
- 15 e) agreement that the Companies will not be authorized recovery of
16 incremental costs related to hurricane Ike storm damage, which
17 would have required about \$19 million during the period of the ESP.

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19 7. Q. Why are you including the existing generation deferrals as benefit of the
20 ESP?

1 A The real advantage to the ratepayers lies in the fact that the Stipulated ESP
2 proposes to recover these deferrals over a very long period of time with a
3 debt rate carrying charge, as shown in the Ratepayer Costs section of the
4 exhibit. If I am to include this favorable recovery in the analysis, I also
5 must include the original deferrals.
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7 8. Q. And what are the Ratepayer Costs in your analysis?

8 A There are two. One is the Generation Deferral Recovery I just mentioned.
9 The other is the revenues associated with the delivery service improvement
10 rider proposed by the Stipulation.
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12 9. Q. What discount rate did you use to evaluate these benefits and costs over
13 time?

14 A I used the Companies' cost of capital, 8.48%.
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16 10. Q. Wouldn't this essentially be performing the analysis from the Companies'
17 perspective, not from the customer's perspective?

18 A Choosing an appropriate discount rate from the customer's perspective is
19 always a problem. What is the time value of money to the individual con-
20 sumer? Should it be a very low rate, such as an individual would receive on
21 a CD if the funds were invested? Or should it be about 19%, on the

1 assumption that the individual would have a lower charge card balance to
2 finance? The higher the discount rate used, the higher is the estimated net
3 present value of the Stipulated ESP. However, in the Staff's analysis, the
4 conclusion that the Stipulated ESP provides a positive net benefit to cus-
5 tomers remains true even at very low interest rates.
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7 11. Q. Are there other reasons to accept the proposed ESP, other than the ones you
8 have quantified?

9 A Yes. One reason is that the proposed ESP provides more predictability
10 regarding overall rates than would an MRO. There is another reason, and
11 that is one of allowing future options to stay open.
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13 12. Q. What do you mean?

14 A Section 4928.142(F) states "An electric distribution utility that has received
15 commission approval of its first application under division (C) if this sec-
16 tion shall not, nor ever shall be authorized or required by the commission
17 to, file an application under section 4928.143 of the Revised Code." If we
18 go to an MRO now, then we cannot later have an ESP. But if we adopt an
19 ESP now, we can go to an MRO in the future. Since the quantifiable ele-
20 ments demonstrate the superiority of the proposed ESP to an MRO, and

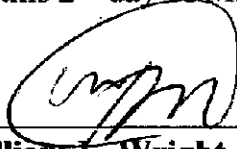
1 since the non-quantifiable considerations also support the superiority of the
2 ESP to an MRO, I think that the argument in favor of an ESP is very strong.
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4 13. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

5 A. Yes.

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NOTES FOR NET BENEFIT CALCULATION

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CEI Writeoff	recovery would have been through 2010, so writeoff of \$215 allocated between remaining months.
total writeoff	215
months in 2009	7
months in 2010	12
total months	19
benefit 2009	79.2
benefit 2010	135.8

Delivery Service Improvement Rider

sales from ESP filing	2009	2010	2011
CEI	19,967	20,133	20,298
OE	26,460	26,738	27,019
TE	10,775	10,834	10,894
sum	57,202	57,705	58,211
months	9	12	12
sales for rider	42,902	57,705	58,211
price per MW	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00
	85,803	115,410	116,422
	85.8	115.4	116.4

Rate Freeze Value

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V3 (pt. 2 of 3)	2009	2010	2011
Sch 6i, p. 4 of 9, row 6	24.822	59.851	97.151

Hurricane like foregone recovery per FE estimates by phone

	Capital	O&M
CEI	10.1	2.2
OE	8.6	10.6
sum	18.7	12.8
est annual factor	11%	
	2.057	

Modeled as rider all in 2009
If actuality would be to partly defer
but to get carrying charges, then
PV is the same

Generation Deferral and Recovery data from Tuft worksheet
on CEI Fuel and Purchased Power Deferral

Witness: H. Wagner

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Distribution Investment Deferral

Line No.	(A) Description	(B) Source Documentation	(C) 2009	(D) 2010	(E) 2011	(F) 2012	(G) 2013 *
1	Estimated Eligible Depreciation Expense	Sch. E pg 6	\$3,080,782	\$9,235,423	\$15,300,984	\$21,059,904	\$21,059,904
2	Estimated Eligible Property Tax Expense	Sch. E pg 6	16,358,448	26,992,961	43,769,963	55,881,159	55,881,159
3	Estimated Eligible Capital Interest Expense	Sch. E pg 6	5,345,417	18,081,550	26,882,148	37,812,607	37,812,607
4	Total Est. Distribution Capital Investments		\$23,784,647	\$55,249,934	\$85,953,095	\$114,533,670	\$114,533,670
5	Monthly Carrying Charges 0.7083%		1,035,435	4,801,394	11,228,446	21,062,434	33,047,311
6	Estimated Annual Balance		\$24,822,062	\$60,051,328	\$97,181,542	\$135,596,104	\$147,580,981
7	Estimated Cumulative Balance		\$24,822,062	\$84,873,390	\$181,834,932	\$317,431,036	\$465,012,017

Month Year	Deferral	Interest	Balance	Month Year	Deferral	Interest	Balance
Jan-09	\$1,982,136	\$7,020	\$1,989,156	Jan-10	\$4,804,181	\$102,120	\$29,816,343
Feb-09	1,982,136	21,109	3,992,401	Feb-10	4,804,181	229,093	34,448,597
Mar-09	1,982,136	35,299	6,009,838	Mar-10	4,804,181	250,305	39,313,083
Apr-09	1,982,136	49,588	8,041,560	Apr-10	4,804,181	284,780	44,211,984
May-09	1,982,136	63,979	10,087,875	May-10	4,804,181	329,460	49,148,605
Jun-09	1,982,136	78,471	12,143,282	Jun-10	4,804,181	384,404	54,114,170
Jul-09	1,982,136	93,066	14,223,484	Jul-10	4,804,181	399,597	59,117,528
Aug-09	1,982,136	107,785	16,333,385	Aug-10	4,804,181	435,056	64,157,127
Sep-09	1,982,136	122,568	18,416,088	Sep-10	4,804,181	470,731	69,232,018
Oct-09	1,982,136	137,475	20,537,700	Oct-10	4,804,181	506,677	74,342,857
Nov-09	1,982,136	152,488	22,672,324	Nov-10	4,804,181	542,878	79,489,894
Dec-09	1,982,131	167,607	\$24,822,062	Dec-10	4,804,183	579,359	\$84,873,390
Total 2009	\$23,784,627	\$1,035,435		Total 2010	\$55,249,934	\$4,801,394	
Jan-11	\$7,181,092	\$825,104	\$92,459,586	Jan-12	\$9,544,473	\$1,321,738	\$182,701,143
Feb-11	7,181,092	880,254	100,300,932	Feb-12	9,544,473	1,398,704	203,844,320
Mar-11	7,181,092	730,788	108,187,817	Mar-12	9,544,473	1,476,214	214,865,007
Apr-11	7,181,092	791,727	116,150,858	Apr-12	9,544,473	1,554,273	226,763,783
May-11	7,181,092	848,057	124,189,785	May-12	9,544,473	1,632,885	239,641,111
Jun-11	7,181,092	904,786	132,225,663	Jun-12	9,544,473	1,712,055	248,187,839
Jul-11	7,181,092	961,917	140,348,672	Jul-12	9,544,473	1,791,785	258,533,887
Aug-11	7,181,092	1,019,452	148,529,218	Aug-12	9,544,473	1,872,080	270,950,450
Sep-11	7,181,092	1,077,395	158,797,703	Sep-12	9,544,473	1,952,943	282,447,868
Oct-11	7,181,092	1,135,748	166,064,548	Oct-12	9,544,473	2,034,379	294,028,716
Nov-11	7,181,092	1,194,514	173,420,149	Nov-12	9,544,473	2,116,382	306,667,563
Dec-11	7,181,085	1,253,688	\$181,834,932	Dec-12	9,544,487	2,198,956	\$317,431,036
Total 2011	\$65,833,687	\$11,228,446		Total 2012	\$114,533,670	\$21,062,434	
Jan-13	\$9,544,473	\$2,282,185	\$329,257,874				
Feb-13	9,544,473	2,365,933	341,168,060				
Mar-13	9,544,473	2,450,295	353,162,848				
Apr-13	9,544,473	2,535,254	365,242,575				
May-13	9,544,473	2,620,814	377,407,662				
Jun-13	9,544,473	2,706,861	389,688,316				
Jul-13	9,544,473	2,793,758	401,987,547				
Aug-13	9,544,473	2,881,150	414,423,170				
Sep-13	9,544,473	2,969,160	426,936,803				
Oct-13	9,544,473	3,057,784	439,539,070				
Nov-13	9,544,473	3,147,067	452,230,600				
Dec-13	9,544,487	3,236,850	\$465,012,017				
Total 2013	\$114,533,670	\$33,047,311					

* Note - Since there was no 2013 budget available, 2012 costs will be used.

Year	Sales (000)	Revenue	CAT Tax	Principal	Net Balance Interest	Balance
2014	59,815	54,935,401	142,832	36,377,720	18,414,849	428,834,287
2015	60,384	55,426,220	144,108	38,408,037	18,874,076	390,228,260
2016	60,925	55,928,407	145,414	40,535,435	15,247,558	349,690,826
2017	61,484	56,428,733	146,710	42,748,519	13,631,525	308,942,307
2018	62,058	56,937,144	148,037	45,067,074	11,722,034	261,875,233
2019	62,258	57,084,159	148,419	47,113,187	9,822,572	214,782,066
2020	62,848	57,607,328	149,778	49,628,488	7,829,079	165,133,568
2021	63,441	58,138,587	151,180	52,257,954	5,729,473	112,876,844
2022	64,043	58,674,532	152,584	55,002,967	3,519,011	57,872,677
2023	64,655	59,219,382	153,970	57,872,677	1,182,736	0

Line No.	(A) Description	(B)	(C)	(D) 12/31/08	(E) 2009	(F) 2010	(G) 2011
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Proposed Recovery Factors	
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Proposed Debris Recovery

(a) _____
(b) Cumulative Deferred Balance x Monthly Carrying Charge Rate
(c) Recovery Rate is \$0.00121675841474646 per kWh