

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

- In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for an Increase in Electric Distribution Rates ) Case No. 08-709-EL-AIR
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- In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for Tariff Approval ) Case No. 08-710-EL-ATA
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- In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for Approval to Change Accounting Methods ) Case No. 08-710-EL-AAM
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- In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for Approval of its Rider BDP, Backup Delivery Point Rider ) Case No. 06-718-EL-ATA
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Prepared Testimony  
of  
Jeffrey P. Hecker  
Utilities Department  
Capital Recovery & Financial Analysis Division

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1                            PREPARED TESTIMONY OF JEFFREY P. HECKER

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

3           A.     My name is Jeffrey P. Hecker. My business address is 180 East Broad  
4           Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

5 2.     Q.     Who are you employed by?

6           A.     I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (“PUCO”).

7 3.     Q.     What is your current position with the PUCO?

8           A.     I am employed as a Utilities Specialist in the Capital Recovery and  
9           Financial Analysis Division of the Utilities Department.

10 4.     Q.     Would you briefly state your educational and occupational background?

11          A.     I received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business with a major in  
12          Accounting from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. I have been  
13          employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio since December,  
14          2004, during which time I have prepared schedules and testimony for past  
15          rate cases.

16 5.     Q.     What is your responsibility in this proceeding?

17          A.     The purpose of my testimony is to address the Ohio Consumers’ Counsel’s  
18          (“OCC”) objection to the revenue component of the cost of service analysis  
19          included in the Staff Report docketed in this proceeding on January 27,  
20          2009.

21 6.     Q.     What objection was submitted related to the test year revenue?

22          A.     OCC’s Objection C.1. states:

1                   The OCC objects to the Staff's determination of adjusted and  
2                   proforma revenues, because the test year sales to commercial  
3                   customers in the Staff Report are understated.

4    7.    Q.    How does Staff respond?

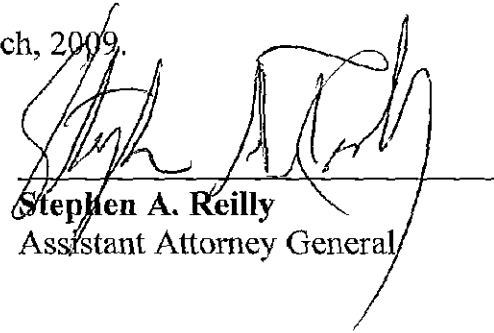
5            A.    The Staff reviewed the Applicant's test year sales forecast and budgeted  
6            revenues that were developed by a trending model system utilizing the  
7            latest ten years of data. Factors considered were appliance proliferation,  
8            housing trends, commercial developments and current state of the  
9            economy. The Staff found that the Applicant's forecast methodology was  
10           appropriate for purposes of this proceeding.

11   8.    Q.    Does this conclude your testimony?

12           A.    Yes. .

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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