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BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Annual Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for an Adjustment to Rider AMRP Rates.	)	Case No. 10-2788-GA-RDR
In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for Tariff Approval.	)	Case No. 10-2789-GA- ATA

SUPPLEMENTAL DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

PEGGY A. LAUB

ON BEHALF OF

DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.

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I. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

1 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

2 A. My name is Peggy A. Laub. My business address is 139 East Fourth Street,
3 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

4 **Q. BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?**

5 A. I am employed by the Duke Energy Business Services, Inc., an affiliate service
6 company of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke Energy Ohio or Company) as Rates
7 Manager.

8 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL**
9 **QUALIFICATIONS.**

10 A. I received a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree with a major in accounting from
11 the University of Cincinnati. I am a Certified Public Accountant in the State of Ohio and
12 a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. I began my career
13 with The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company, the predecessor of Duke Energy Ohio in
14 the Accounting Department in 1981. I worked in various departments including Tax,
15 Regulated Business Unit's financial group and Fixed Assets. In May 2006, following the
16 merger with Duke Energy Corporation, I transferred to the Midwest US Franchised
17 Electric & Gas accounting group. In November 2008, I transferred to the Midwest
18 wholesale accounting group as Manager of Wholesale and Bulk Power Marketing
19 accounting. In May 2010 I transferred to the Rate Department and to my current position
20 as Rates Manager.

1 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR DUTIES AS RATES MANAGER.**

2 A. As Rates Manager, I am responsible for the preparation of financial and accounting data
3 used in Duke Energy Ohio and Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc. retail rate filings and
4 changes in various other rate recovery mechanisms.

5 **Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED BEFORE THIS COMMISSION?**

6 A. Yes. I previously testified in a number of cases before this and other regulatory
7 commissions.

8 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

9 A. My testimony addresses issues related to the stipulation concerning Duke Energy Ohio's
10 Accelerated Main Replacement Program, and its Riser Replacement Program.

II. DISCUSSION

11 **Q. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE COMPANY'S FILINGS IN THIS MATTER?**

12 A. Yes.

13 **Q. WERE YOU INVOLVED IN THE SETTLEMENT OF THIS CASE?**

14 A. Yes. I had discussions regarding many of the issues related to the filing, I assisted in
15 preparing answers to most of the discovery requests and data requests submitted by the
16 Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) and the Staff of the Public Utilities
17 Commission of Ohio (Staff) and was in contact with legal counsel and the Parties with
18 regard to the settlement process.

19 **Q. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE THREE-PART TEST WHICH THE**
20 **COMMISSION APPLIES TO STIPULATED SETTLEMENTS?**

21 A. Yes.

1 **Q. WAS THIS STIPULATION THE PRODUCT OF SERIOUS BARGAINING**
2 **AMONG CAPABLE AND KNOWLEDGEABLE PEOPLE?**
3 A. Yes, the Stipulation is the product of serious bargaining among capable and
4 knowledgeable people because it involved a diverse group of parties with diverse
5 constituency and all were stakeholders in the outcome. The Parties were all represented
6 by skilled and experienced regulatory counsel. The discussions leading up to the
7 stipulation included all parties to this proceeding and involved serious consideration by
8 each party of the others' positions. The parties met in person and by teleconference
9 numerous times in order to reach a resolution of all the issues.
10 **Q. DOES THE STIPULATION, AS A WHOLE, BENEFIT RATEPAYERS?**
11 A. Yes it does. It resolves a highly complex matter and saves the time and expense of
12 litigation. Likewise, the Stipulation largely represents a reasonable outcome that satisfies
13 all of the parties.
14 **Q. DO YOU HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE REGULATORY PRINCIPLES WHICH**
15 **APPLY TO MATTERS BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION?**
16 A. Yes. My duties and responsibilities include ensuring that rate proposals and other rate
17 related matters comply with Commission regulations and regulatory requirements.
18 **Q. DOES THE STIPULATION VIOLATE ANY REGULATORY PRINCIPLES?**
19 A. No. The Stipulation does not violate any regulatory principles.
20 **Q. DO YOU BELIEVE THE COMMISSION SHOULD ADOPT THE**
21 **STIPULATION?**
22 A. Yes. I recommend that the Commission adopt this Stipulation.

III. CONCLUSION

1 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR PRE-FILED SUPPLEMENTAL DIRECT**

2 **TESTIMONY?**

3 A. Yes.