

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the matter of the :
Application of the East Ohio :
Gas Company d/b/a/ Dominion :
East Ohio for approval of :
Tariffs to Recover Certain :
Costs Associated with its : 10-2853-GA-RDR
Automated Meter Reading :
Deployment Through an Automatic:
Adjustment Clause and for :
Certain Accounting Treatment :

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PROCEEDINGS

before Ms. Sarah Parrot, Hearing Examiner, at the
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East
Broad Street, Room 11-D, Columbus, Ohio, called at
9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2011.

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On behalf of OP&E

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1 Tuesday Morning Session,
2 April 12, 2011.

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4 HEARING OFFICER PARROT: The Public
5 Utilities Commission of Ohio is called for hearing at
6 this time and place, case number 10-2853-GA-RDR,
7 being in the matter of the Application of the East
8 Ohio Gas Company dba Dominion East Ohio for Approval
9 of Tariffs to adjust its automated meter reading cost
10 recovery charge to recover costs incurred in 2010.

11 My name is Sarah Parrot and I am the
12 Attorney Examiner assigned by the Commission to hear
13 this case.

14 At this time let's get started by taking
15 appearances of the parties.

16 On behalf of Dominion East Ohio.

17 MR. SECHLER: Good morning, Your Honor.
18 On behalf of Dominion East Ohio, Joel Sechler,
19 Carpenter, Lipps and Leland, LLP, 280 North High
20 Street, Suite 1300, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

21 HEARING OFFICER PARROT: OCC.

22 MR. SAUER: Thank you, Your Honor.

23 On behalf of the residential customers of
24 Dominion East Ohio, the office of the Ohio Consumers'
25 Counsel, Janine L. Midgen-Ostrander, Consumers'

1 Counsel, Joseph P. Serio, Kyle Verrett, Assistant
2 Consumers' Counsel, 10 West Broad, Suite 1800,
3 Columbus, Ohio 43215. Thank you.

4 HEARING OFFICER PARROT: Staff.

5 MR. JONES: Good morning. On behalf of
6 the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio,
7 Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, Assistant
8 Attorneys General Steve Riley, John Jones, 180 East
9 Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

10 HEARING OFFICER PARROT: Is anyone
11 authorized to make an appearance on behalf of OP&E?

12 Let the record reflect that there are no
13 members of the general public present in today's
14 hearing.

15 I believe the parties have filed a
16 stipulation and recommendation for the Commission's
17 consideration; is that correct?

18 MR. JONES: That is correct, Your Honor.

19 HEARING OFFICER PARROT: And, Mr. Jones,
20 would you like to --

21 MR. JONES: Your Honor, would you like me
22 to make an appearance for OP&E? I'm not real sure.
23 I know Colleen Mooney had appeared yesterday,
24 thought -- thinking we were beginning this yesterday,
25 and I told her it was this morning. But I don't know

1 where they are at this morning, so --

2 HEARING OFFICER PARROT: Okay. Well, I
3 guess if you're not authorized to do that, then --

4 MR. JONES: Okay.

5 HEARING OFFICER PARROT: -- we'll
6 proceed. Maybe she will wander in here.

7 MR. JONES: Yes, Your Honor.

8 Your Honor, we would like to begin by
9 calling Kerry Adkins to the stand, please.

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11 KERRY ADKINS

12 being duly sworn, as prescribed by law, was examined
13 and testified as follows:

14 DIRECT EXAMINATION

15 By Mr. Jones:

16 Q. Would you please state your name for the
17 record.

18 A. My name is Kerry Adkins.

19 Q. And where are you employed?

20 A. I'm employed by the Public Utilities
21 Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus,
22 Ohio 43214.

23 Q. And what is your job title and
24 responsibilities?

25 A. I am a public utilities administrator in

1 the utilities department, accounting electricity
2 division.

3 My responsibilities include managing
4 cases such as this one for an infrastructure
5 replacement for gas utilities and water utilities and
6 also the Commission has base rate proceedings. I
7 work on those cases as well.

8 MR. JONES: At this time, Your Honor, I'd
9 like to have marked for identification the
10 stipulation and recommendation that was filed on
11 April 8, 2011, in this docket as Joint Exhibit 1.

12 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

13 HEARING OFFICER PARROT: It will be so
14 marked.

15 MR. JONES: And further, Your Honor, I'd
16 like to have marked as Staff Exhibit 1 the prefiled
17 testimony of Kerry Adkins on behalf of the Public
18 Utilities Commission of Ohio that was filed April 8,
19 2011.

20 HEARING OFFICER PARROT: So marked.

21 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

22 MR. JONES: Further, Your Honor, I'd like
23 to have marked as Staff Exhibit 2 the Staff comments
24 and recommendations submitted on behalf of the Staff
25 of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio that was

1 filed March 30, 2011.

2 HEARING OFFICER PARROT: So marked.

3 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

4 MR. JONES: Thank you, Your Honor.

5 Q. (By Mr. Jones) Mr. Adkins, would you
6 please identify, then, for the record what's been
7 marked as Joint Exhibit 1, Staff Exhibit 1, and Staff
8 Exhibit 2?

9 A. Yes. Staff Exhibit 1 was the -- was my
10 prefiled testimony in this proceeding that was filed
11 on April 8, 2011.

12 Q. And Staff Exhibit 2.

13 A. Staff Exhibit 2 was Staff comments filed
14 in this case on March 30, 2011.

15 Q. And the Joint Exhibit 1?

16 A. Joint Exhibit 1 was the stipulation that
17 was filed in this case on April 8, 2011.

18 Q. Thank you. In regard to Staff Exhibit 1,
19 do you have any changes to make to your testimony?

20 A. I do not.

21 Q. Does Staff Exhibit 1 accurately represent
22 your testimony in this case in support of the
23 stipulation Joint Exhibit 1, to the best of your
24 knowledge and belief?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. If I were to ask you the same questions
2 that are contained in Staff Exhibit 1, would your
3 answers be the same?

4 A. Yes.

5 MR. JONES: Your Honor, another party has
6 appeared for the proceeding, and maybe we can take
7 the appearance of that party.

8 MS. MOONEY: Your Honor -- yes. Ohio
9 Partners for Affordable Energy, Colleen Mooney and
10 David Rinebolt, 231 West Lima Street, Findley, Ohio.

11 HEARING OFFICER PARROT: Thank you,
12 Ms. Mooney.

13 Please continue, Mr. Jones.

14 MR. JONES: Thank you, Your Honor.

15 Q. (By Mr. Jones) Mr. Adkins, on behalf of
16 the Staff and the other parties, you're asking the
17 Commission to adopt the stipulation and
18 recommendation in Joint Exhibit 1 in this case?

19 A. That is correct.

20 Q. Okay. And does the stipulation and
21 recommendation in Joint Exhibit 1 meet the
22 Commission's three-part test?

23 A. In my opinion it does.

24 Q. Okay.

25 MR. JONES: Your honor, at this time I

1 have no further questions of Mr. Adkins. I offer him
2 for cross examination.

3 HEARING OFFICER PARROT: Mr. Sechler.

4 MR. SECHLER: No questions for this
5 witness from the company, Your Honor.

6 HEARING OFFICER PARROT: Mr. Sauer.

7 MR. SAUER: No questions, Your Honor.

8 HEARING OFFICER PARROT: And Miss Mooney.

9 MS. MOONEY: No questions, Your Honor.

10 HEARING OFFICER PARROT: And I have no
11 questions. You are excused.

12 Thank you, Mr. Adkins.

13 MR. JONES: Your Honor, at this time I
14 would move for the admission of Joint Exhibit 1 and
15 Staff Exhibits 1 and 2.

16 HEARING OFFICER PARROT: Do any of the
17 parties have any objections to the admission of any
18 of those exhibits?

19 MR. SAUER: No.

20 MS. MOONEY: No.

21 MR. SECHLER: None from the company.

22 HEARING OFFICER PARROT: Hearing none
23 then Joint Exhibit 1 and Staff Exhibits 1 and 2 shall
24 be admitted into the record.

25 (EXHIBITS ADMITTED INTO THE RECORD.)

1 MR. JONES: Thank you, Your Honor.

2 HEARING OFFICER PARROT: Are there any
3 other exhibits that we need to mark?

4 MR. SAUER: Your Honor, the OCC would
5 like to have marked as OCC Exhibit Number 1 the
6 comments that were filed in this proceeding on
7 March 30, 2011.

8 HEARING OFFICER PARROT: So marked.

9 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

10 MR. SAUER: And we move for the admission
11 of OCC Exhibit Number 1.

12 HEARING OFFICER PARROT: Are there any
13 objections to the admission of OCC Exhibit 1?

14 MR. JONES: No objection, Your Honor.

15 MS. MOONEY: No objection, Your Honor.

16 MR. SECHLER: No objection.

17 HEARING OFFICER PARROT: Hearing none,
18 then, OCC Exhibit Number 1 is admitted into the
19 record.

20 (EXHIBITS ADMITTED INTO THE RECORD.)

21 HEARING OFFICER PARROT: Any other
22 exhibits?

23 MR. SECHLER: None from the company, Your
24 Honor.

25 MS. MOONEY: No, Your Honor.

1 MR. JONES: No exhibits for the Staff,
2 Your Honor.

3 HEARING OFFICER PARROT: Is there
4 anything else to come before us today?

5 MR. SAUER: No, Your Honor.

6 MR. JONES: No, Your Honor.

7 MR. SECHLER: Nothing from the company,
8 Your Honor.

9 HEARING OFFICER PARROT: I guess one
10 matter I'd like to clarify for the record that the
11 parties have agreed that there was a word admitted on
12 page 2 of the stipulation and recommendation that's
13 been omitted as Joint Exhibit 1.

14 On page 2, I believe it's the second
15 sentence on that page, it should read, Except for
16 enforcement purposes neither this stipulation nor the
17 information and data contained therein and attached
18 shall be cited as precedent in any future proceeding
19 for or against any signatory party or the Commission
20 itself if the Commission approves this stipulation
21 and recommendation.

22 Is that the parties' understanding?

23 MR. JONES: Yes, Your Honor. That's
24 correct.

25 MR. SECHLER: Yes, Your Honor.

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MR. SAUER: Yes, Your Honor.

HEARING OFFICER PARROT: Thank you.

And with that, I believe the case is submitted on the record and we are adjourned. Thank you.

(Thereupon, the hearing was concluded at 10:15 a.m.)

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on Tuesday, April 12, 2011, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Deborah J. Guzzo, Registered
Professional Reporter and
Notary Public in and for the
State of Ohio.

My commission expires June 25, 2012.
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