

1 BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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 3 In the Matter of the : Case No. 11-351-EL-AIR
 4 Application of Columbus : Case No. 11-352-EL-AIR
 5 Southern Power Company :
 6 and Ohio Power Company, :
 7 Individually and, if :
 8 Their Proposed Merger is :
 9 Approved, as a Merged :
 10 Company (collectively AEP :
 11 Ohio) for an Increase in :
 12 Electric Distribution :
 13 Rates. :

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 15 In the Matter of the : Case No. 11-353-EL-ATA
 16 Application of Columbus : Case No. 11-354-EL-ATA
 17 Southern Power Company :
 18 and Ohio Power Company, :
 19 Individually and, if :
 20 Their Proposed Merger is :
 21 Approved, as a Merged :
 22 Company (collectively AEP :
 23 Ohio) for Tariff Approval.:

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 25 In the Matter of the : Case No. 11-356-EL-AAM
 Application of Columbus : Case No. 11-358-EL-AAM
 Southern Power Company :
 and Ohio Power Company, :
 Individually and, if :
 Their Proposed Merger is :
 Approved, as a Merged :
 Company (collectively AEP :
 Ohio) for Change to :
 Accounting Methods. :

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 27 HEARING
 28 called at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 14, 2011.

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HEARING

before Mr. Gregory Price and Ms. Mandy L. Willey,
Attorneys Examiner, at the Public Utilities
Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus,
Ohio, called at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 14,
2011.

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9 On behalf of the Industrial Energy
10 Users of Ohio.

11 FirstEnergy Corp.
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18 On behalf of the Ohio Cable
19 Telecommunications Association.

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1 Monday Morning Session,
2 November 14, 2011.

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4 EXAMINER PRICE: Good morning. The
5 Public Utilities Commission has set for hearing at
6 this time and this place Case Nos. 11-351-EL-AIR, and
7 11-352-EL-AIR, Being in the Matter of the Application
8 of Columbus AEP Ohio and Ohio Power Company,
9 individually, and if Their Proposed Merger is
10 Approved, as a Merged Company (collectively AEP Ohio)
11 for an Increase in Electric Distribution Rates.

12 As well as Case Nos. 11-353-EL-ATA and
13 11-354-EL-ATA, In the Matter of the Application of
14 Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power
15 Company, Individually, and if Their Proposed Merger
16 is Approved, as a Merged Company (collectively AEP
17 Ohio) for Tariff Approval.

18 And Case Nos. 11-356-EL-AAM and
19 11-358-EL-AAM, In the Matter of the Application of
20 Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power
21 Company, Individually, and if Their Proposed Merger
22 is Approved, as a Merged Company (collectively AEP
23 Ohio) for Change to Accounting Methods.

24 My name is Gregory Price. With me is
25 Mandy Willey. We are the Attorney Examiners assigned

1 for today's hearing.

2 Let's begin by taking the appearances of
3 the parties, starting with the Company.

4 MR. SATTERWHITE: Thank you, your Honors.
5 On behalf of Columbus Southern Power Company and the
6 Ohio Power Company, Matthew J. Satterwhite and Ann
7 Vogel, Steven T. Nourse, 1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus,
8 Ohio, 43215.

9 MR. ALLWEIN: Good morning, your Honors,
10 Christopher Allwein, William, Allwein & Moser, on
11 behalf of the Natural Resources Defense Council,
12 1373 Grandview Avenue, Suite 212, Columbus, Ohio
13 43212.

14 EXAMINER PRICE: Thank you.

15 MR. SMALZ: Your Honors, Michael R. Smalz
16 and Joseph V. Maskovyak, Ohio Poverty Law Center, on
17 behalf of the Appalachian Peace and Justice Network,
18 555 Buttles Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, 43215.

19 MR. SAUER: Your Honor, on behalf of the
20 residential customers of Columbus Southern Power and
21 Ohio Power Companies, the office of Ohio Consumers'
22 Counsel, Bruce J. Weston, Interim Consumers' Counsel,
23 Maureen Grady, Larry Sauer, assistant consumers'
24 counsel, 10 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

25 MR. MARGARD: Your Honor, on behalf of

1 the staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio,
2 Mike DeWine, Ohio Attorney General, William Wright
3 section chief, Public Utilities Section, by assistant
4 attorneys general, Werner Margard, Stephen Reilly,
5 and Devin Parram, 180 East Broad Street, Sixth Floor
6 Columbus, Ohio.

7 MS. KAHN: Your Honors, on behalf of the
8 Ohio Cable Telecommunications Association, Benita
9 Kahn, Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, 52 East Gay
10 Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215; and also Dave Thomas
11 with Hogan Lovells. I can't remember his address.
12 Washington, D.C.

13 MS. McALISTER: Thank you, your Honors.
14 On behalf of the OMA Energy Group, Bricker & Eckler,
15 by Lisa McAlister and Matt Warnock, 100 South Third
16 Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

17 MR. SITES: Good morning, your Honors.
18 On behalf of the Ohio Hospital Association, Richard
19 L. Sites, general counsel of the Association,
20 155 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215. And
21 also Tom O'Brien with the law firm of Bricker &
22 Eckler, 100 South Third Street Columbus, Ohio 43215.
23 Thank you.

24 MR. KURTZ: Good morning, your Honors,
25 for the Ohio Energy Group, Mike Kurtz, Boehm, Kurtz &

1 Lowry, 36 East Seventh Street, Suite 1510,
2 Cincinnati, Ohio.

3 MR. FORD: Thank you, your Honors, Ned
4 Ford with the Sierra Club. Our attorney, Henry
5 Eckhart, his address is in the record. My address is
6 3420 Stettinius Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

7 EXAMINER PRICE: Thank you.

8 MR. PRITCHARD: Good morning, your
9 Honors, Matt Pritchard on behalf of the Ohio
10 Industrial Energy Users of Ohio, 21 East State
11 Street, Columbus, Ohio. I would like to make an
12 appearance for Sam Randazzo and Frank Darr.

13 MR. HAYDEN: Good morning, your Honors,
14 on behalf of FirstEnergy Solutions Corporation, Mark
15 A. Hayden, 76 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio, 44308;
16 as well as the firm of Calfee, Halter & Griswold,
17 James F. Lang, Laura C. McBride, and N. Trevor
18 Alexander, 1400 Key Bank Center, 800 Superior Avenue,
19 Cleveland, Ohio 44114.

20 MS. MOONEY: On behalf of Ohio Partners
21 for Affordable Energy, Colleen M. Mooney, 231 West
22 Lima Street, Findlay, Ohio 45840.

23 EXAMINER PRICE: Thank you. Before we
24 address any pending motions, Mr. Satterwhite, you
25 have a housekeeping matter for us.

1 MR. SATTERWHITE: Yes, thank you, your
2 Honor. Due to the change in the schedule, the
3 Company would like to put everyone on notice that we
4 would like to move Mr. Avera to a date certain, to
5 Friday, 11/18, and due to a conflict with Ms. Hawkins
6 testifying before the General Assembly, we would also
7 move her to a date certain of 11/18 as well, make
8 sure that it is given on that day.

9 EXAMINER PRICE: Thank you.

10 And electronic service.

11 MR. SATTERWHITE: We like to request that
12 we be able to use electronic service in this case for
13 pleadings and indications of service.

14 EXAMINER PRICE: Any objection to the
15 electronic service?

16 Seeing none, that will be the norm in
17 this case. We would like to note, as we did off the
18 record, that the examiners would sill like hard
19 copies of any testimony filed and all briefs filed in
20 the proceeding. Any papers, other than testimony and
21 briefs, can be electronically served on the
22 examiners.

23 We have a number of pending motions. We
24 have a motion to consolidate that is still pending.
25 We have a motion to strike objections still pending.

1 We are going to continue to defer on ruling on those
2 motions.

3 We also had a motion to continue the
4 hearing date after we took appearances today to
5 Wednesday, November 16. The motion for continuance
6 will be granted, but we are going to continue the
7 hearing until Thursday, November 17. In the interest
8 of moving the case along, we will start at
9 9:00 o'clock on Thursday.

10 Anything else for the Bench?

11 MR. SATTERWHITE: If there are any
12 updates based on our discussions today, we will be
13 sure to notify the Bench.

14 EXAMINER PRICE: Thank you.

15 With that, we are off the record. Thank
16 you all.

17 (The hearing adjourned at 10:11 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 Monday, November 14, 2011, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Rosemary Foster Anderson,
Professional Reporter and
Notary Public in and for
the State of Ohio.

My commission expires April 5, 2014.
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