## **BEFORE THE**

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Ohio	)	
Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric	)	
Illuminating Company, and The Toledo	)	
Edison Company for Authority to	)	Case No. 12-1230-EL-SSO
Provide For a Standard Service Offer Pursuant	)	
To R.C. § 4928.143 in the Form of an Electric	)	
Security Plan	)	

## SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY OF

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ON BEHALF OF

OHIO EDISON COMPANY
THE CLEVELAND ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING COMPANY
THE TOLEDO EDISON COMPANY

## 1 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, POSITION, AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

- 2 A. My name is William R. Ridmann. I am employed by FirstEnergy Service Company
- as Vice President of Rates and Regulatory Affairs. My business address is 76 South
- 4 Main Street, Akron, Ohio 44308.

## 5 Q. HAVE YOU PROVIDED WRITTEN TESTIMONY BEFORE IN THESE

#### 6 **PROCEEDINGS?**

- 7 A. Yes, I submitted testimony on April 13, 2012 in which I sponsored the Companies'
- 8 Electric Security Plan ("ESP 3") Application and Stipulation and Recommendation,
- and addressed generally the provisions contained within the Stipulation and
- 10 Recommendation ("Stipulation") attached to the Application.

## Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY IN

A. The purpose of my Supplemental Testimony in this proceeding is to describe the

#### 12 THIS PROCEEDING?

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- significant efforts the Companies have expended in order to qualify and quantify the
  PJM-qualifying energy efficiency resources<sup>1</sup>, hereinafter referred to as energy
  efficiency resources or EE resources, that could be available to offer into the PJM
  Base Residual Auction ("BRA") on May 7, 2012 and further describe the qualitative
  benefits, including the benefits of the Companies offering in lower-cost capacity
  resources and the potential positive impacts on Standard Service Offer generation
- pricing, that I described in my Direct Testimony in this Proceeding. Finally, I will
- provide additional support regarding WRR Attachment 1 included with my Direct
- Testimony filed in this proceeding.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This term is defined in Section E.9 of the Stipulation and Recommendation filed on April 13, 2012.

- 1 Q. WHAT HAVE THE COMPANIES DONE IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR
- 2 OFFERING ENERGY EFFICIENCY RESOURCES INTO THE 2015/2016
- 3 **PJM BRA?**
- 4 A. The Companies have taken a number of steps both during the negotiation for the
- 5 Stipulation and since the Stipulation was filed in order to qualify and quantify energy
- efficiency resources available for participation in the 2015/2016 PJM BRA.
- 7 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COMPANIES PRIOR
- 8 TO FILING THE STIPULATION TO PREPARE FOR OFFERING ENERGY
- 9 EFFICIENCY RESOURCES INTO THE 2015/2016 PJM BRA?
- 10 A. During discussions related to the Stipulation, it became apparent that the Signatory
- Parties were interested in the Companies' ability to offer energy efficiency resources
- into the 2015/2016 PJM BRA commencing on May 7, 2012. To address this interest
- of the parties, the Companies spent additional time and resources to alter their
- existing energy efficiency plan in an effort to pre-qualify energy efficiency resources
- so they could be offered into the upcoming PJM BRA auction. On April 6, 2012, the
- 16 Companies submitted to PJM an Initial Energy Efficiency (EE) Measurement &
- 17 Verification (M&V) Plan seeking approval for the opportunity to offer EE resources
- into the 2015/2106 PJM BRA. Submittal of this M&V Plan by April 6 was a PJM
- prerequisite for offering EE resources into the 2015/2016 PJM BRA. This EE M&V
- 20 Plan included the potential to offer up to 15 MW of Residential Lighting (CFLs) and
- up to 50 MW of Commercial and Industrial ("C/I") Lighting. The Companies expect
- to receive a decision from PJM in advance of the PJM BRA determining whether our
- proposed M&V plan has been accepted.

#### O. WHAT HAVE THE COMPANIES DONE SINCE THE STIPULATION WAS

## 2 FILED IN ORDER TO CONTINUE PREPARING FOR OFFERING ENERGY

#### **EFFICIENCY RESOURCES INTO THE PJM BRA?**

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A. Since the Stipulation was filed, the Companies have undertaken efforts to obtain 4 customer agreements assigning ownership of the C/I Lighting EE Resources to the 5 Companies for potential offer into the PJM BRA. These efforts include direct 6 outreach to all customers that have participated in lighting projects starting in June 7 2011 under the Companies' C/I Equipment Program. Confirmation of the 8 9 Companies' control of the energy efficiency resources is a PJM requirement that is necessary to demonstrate to PJM that the Company has legal authority to offer the 10 capacity associated with such Energy Efficiency Resources. 11

# Q. WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS ASSOCIATED WITH PARTICIPATING IN

THE PJM BRA AUCTION FOR THE COMPANIES' CUSTOMERS?

A. The benefits to the customers are twofold. First, to the extent the EE resources clear 14 in the PJM BRA, any revenues associated with those EE resources received by the 15 Companies would be returned to the customers as a reduction to the charges in Rider 16 17 DSE1, thereby reducing the costs those customers would otherwise be obligated to pay in order to satisfy the SB 221 energy efficiency and peak demand reduction 18 requirements. Second, offering in these resources will increase the amount of low-19 20 cost supply available in the auction. And keep in mind, while the amount of energy efficiency resources may be small in comparison to the entire amount of capacity 21 22 offered into the 2015/2016 PJM BRA, the incremental resource sets the auction 23 clearing price.

## 1 Q. CAN YOU ESTIMATE THE SPECIFIC IMPACT TO THE CHARGES

#### 2 UNDER RIDER DSE1 IF THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY RESOURCES CLEAR

#### 3 **IN THE 2015/2016 PJM BRA?**

- A. Without knowing the specific amounts offered in by generating resources that did not 4 5 clear, I am not able to provide a precise estimate. I can, however, provide an estimate for guidance purposes of the impact of offering in the EE resources based on the 6 following assumptions: if I assume 50MW of energy efficiency demand response 7 clears in the PJM BRA for the 2015-2016 planning year and I assume it clears at the 8 9 2014-2015 RPM capacity price (\$125.99 \$/MW day) it would result in a little over \$2.3 million in annual revenue to offset the energy efficiency charges our customers 10 would otherwise be obligated to pay pursuant to Rider DSE1. If the 2015-2016 RPM 11 capacity price is higher, then the benefit to customers would be higher and if the RPM 12 capacity price is lower, then the savings to customers would be lower. But in either 13 14 event, there would be savings flowing through to customers in the amount of revenue received by the Companies as a result of the EE resources clearing in the PJM BRA, 15 regardless of the clearing price. 16
- 17 Q. WOULD YOU EXPECT ANY ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR CUSTOMERS
- 18 TO ARISE RELATED TO OFFERING THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY

#### 19 **RESOURCES IN THE PJM BRA AUCTION?**

A. Yes, I can provide guidance for consideration on what the benefit would be for our non-shopping customers based on an assumption about changes in capacity prices that may result from the offer of the Companies' low-cost EE resources. For example, assuming an average load factor of 60%, for every \$10 per MW-day the

- capacity clearing price decreases because of the effect of offering the Companies'
- low-cost EE resources, our non-shopping customers save \$9.2 million annually in
- generation related SSO charges. Of course, this guidance is premised on an
- assumption that the Companies' EE resources clear in the auction, and on an
- assumption that clearing of these resources displaces more expensive resources that
- otherwise would have cleared and thus would have set a higher auction clearing price.

## 7 Q. WOULD BOTH NONSHOPPING AND SHOPPING CUSTOMERS BENEFIT

### AS A RESULT OF DECREASED CAPACITY PRICES?

- 9 A. Yes. I described above how non-shopping customers would benefit. But shopping
- customers would also be expected to benefit since capacity costs are one of the cost
- elements that competitive suppliers must take into account in selling retail generation
- service to their customers. Presumably, if a competitive supplier costs decreased, that
- would provide the opportunity for more competitive pricing.
- 14 Q. IN YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING YOU NOTED
- 15 THAT ONE OF THE QUALITATIVE BENEFITS OF THE STIPULATION IS
- 16 THE ABILITY TO MODIFY THE BID SCHEDULE FOR THE OCTOBER
- 17 **2012** AND JANUARY 2013 COMPETITIVE BID PROCESSES. PLEASE
- 18 PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAILS SURROUNDING THIS STIPULATION
- 19 **PROVISION.**

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- 20 A. Modifying the bid products in those auctions to include a three year product rather
- 21 than a one year product provides an opportunity to blend currently low generation
- 22 prices with potentially higher prices occurring over the life of the Stipulation. This
- should smooth out future generation prices and mitigate future price volatility for our

- customers. While no one can know with certainty, the expectation is that wholesale
- generation prices will be lower in October 2012 and January 2013 than they will be a
- year or two later, therefore we are trying to lock in those expected lower prices for a
- 4 longer period to benefit customers.
- 5 Q. WILL YOU PLEASE DESCRIBE THE VALUE OF THIS
- 6 RECOMMENDATION TO CUSTOMERS?
- 7 A. The value comes in the form of an expectation of lower prices and more stable prices
- 8 over the life of ESP 3. Customers, particularly larger customers, have indicated that
- 9 price predictability is important. The longer bid products certainly provide these
- larger customers, as well as customers considering moving into our service territories,
- an additional level of price predictability that doesn't exist today. In addition, I
- estimate that for every \$1/MWH decrease in the future blended auction clearing price,
- our non-shopping customers would save approximately \$13.2 million per year.
- 14 Q. IN THE STIPULATION AND RECOMMENDATION FILED IN THIS CASE
- 15 IT STATED THAT CUSTOMERS WISHING TO CONTINUE TO BE ON
- 16 RIDER ELR WILL NEED TO SIGN AN ADDENDUM TO THE CONTRACT
- 17 FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE NO LATER THAN MAY 3, 2012. AT THIS
- 18 POINT IN TIME IS THE NOTIFICATION NEEDED BY MAY 3?
- 19 **A.** Given the procedural schedule set by the Commission in this case the notification by
- 20 May 3, 2012 is no longer needed. The Companies will inform the relevant customers
- of the new required date for executing the addendums following the issuance of an
- Order in this case approving an extension of Rider ELR.

- O. IN WRR ATTACHMENT 1 INCLUDED IN YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY IN
- 2 THIS PROCEEDING, YOU INCLUDED AN ADJUSTMENT FOR
- 3 REGULATORY LAG ASSOCIATED WITH RIDER DCR. IS THAT
- 4 ADJUSTMENT FOR REGULATORY LAG CONSISTENTLY INCLUDED IN
- 5 ESP VS MRO COMPARISIONS ACROSS THE STATE?
- 6 A. No, it is not. In Case No. 11-346-EL-SSO, AEP-Ohio proposed a Distribution
- 7 Investment Rider (Rider DIR), which is comparable to the Companies' current Rider
- 8 DCR in the sense that both mechanisms allow for recovery of incremental delivery
- 9 related investment since the most recent base distribution cases. In the PUCO Order
- in Case No. 11-346-EL-SSO<sup>2</sup>, the Commission determined that the concerns other
- parties noted about the DIR Rider not being included in the ESP vs. MRO price
- analysis were unwarranted since AEP would otherwise be able to seek an increase in
- base distribution rates. Therefore, Rider DIR was not included in AEP Ohio's
- evaluation of its proposed ESP versus an MRO.
- 15 Q. IF THAT IS THE CASE WHY DID YOU INCLUDE THAT ADJUSTMENT IN
- 16 THE ESP VS MRO ANALYSIS INCLUDED WITH YOUR DIRECT
- 17 **TESTIMONY?**
- A. I included that adjustment in order to be consistent with the ESP vs. MRO test
- methodology I used in our last ESP proceeding, Case No. 10-388-EL-SSO ("ESP 2").
- 20 Q. WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR ESP VS MRO COMPARISION IF YOU
- 21 EXCLUDE AN ADJUSTMENT FOR DCR RELATED REGULATORY LAG?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> PUCO Order dated December 14, 2011, page 31.

1	A. The net present value benefit to customers of the ESP vs. MRO increases from \$200.		
2	million to \$226.5 million.		
3	Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR CONCLUSION ON THE ESP AND MRC		
4	COMPARISION GIVEN THE INFORMATION INCLUDED IN YOU		
5	DIRECT TESTIMONY AND SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY IN THI		
6	PROCEEDING?		
7	A. The proposed ESP provides both quantitative and qualitative benefits to the		
8	customers of Ohio Edison, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company and Toled		
9	Edison and is more favorable in the aggregate as compared to the expected result of		
10	an MRO. As such, the Commission should approve the Stipulation in th		
11	proceeding.		
12	Q. DOES THIS COMPLETE YOUR SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY AT THI		
13	TIME?		
14	A. Yes.		

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing *Supplemental Testimony of William R*.

Ridmann on Behalf of Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company and The Toledo Edison Company was served this 23rd day of April, 2012, via e-mail upon the parties on the attached service list.

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