#### **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Duke	)	
Energy Ohio, Inc., for the Establishment	)	Case No. 12-2400-EL-UNC
of a Charge Pursuant to Revised Code	)	
Section 4909.18.	)	
In the Matter of the Application of Duke	)	Case No. 12-2401-EL-AAM
Energy Ohio, Inc., for Approval to	)	
Change Accounting Methods.	)	
In the Matter of the Application of Duke	)	Case No. 12-2402-EL-ATA
Energy Ohio, Inc., for the Approval of a	)	
Tariff for a New Service.	)	

#### **DIRECT TESTIMONY**

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I.

#### INTRODUCTION, PURPOSE, AND SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

#### 2 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, TITLE, AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

A. My name is Jonathan A. Lesser. I am the President of Continental Economics,
Inc., an economic consulting firm that provides litigation, valuation, and strategic
services to law firms, industry, and government agencies. My business address is 6 Real
Place, Sandia Park, NM 87047.

## Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS, EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE, AND EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND.

9 A. I am an economist with substantial experience in market analysis in the energy
10 industry. I have almost 30 years of experience in the energy industry working with
11 utilities, consumer groups, competitive power producers and marketers, and government
12 regulators. I have provided expert testimony before numerous state utility commissions,
13 as well as before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC"), state legislative
14 committees, and international venues.

15 Before founding Continental Economics, I was a Partner in the Energy Practice 16 with the consulting firm Bates White, LLC. Prior to that, I was the Director of Regulated 17 Planning for the Vermont Department of Public Service. Previously, I was employed as a 18 Senior Managing Economist at Navigant Consulting. Prior to that, I was the Manager, 19 Economic Analysis, for Green Mountain Power Corporation. I also spent seven years as 20 an Energy Policy Specialist with the Washington State Energy Office, and I worked for Idaho Power Corporation and the Pacific Northwest Utilities Conference Committee (an 21 22 electric industry trade group), where I specialized in electric load and price forecasting.

1		I hold MA and PhD degrees in economics from the University of Washington and
2		a BS, with honors, in mathematics and economics from the University of New Mexico.
3		My doctoral fields of specialization were applied microeconomics, econometrics and
4		statistics, and industrial organization and antitrust. I am the coauthor of three textbooks:
5		Environmental Economics and Policy (1997), Fundamentals of Energy Regulation
6		(2007), and, most recently, Principles of Utility Corporate Finance (2011). I have
7		attached a copy of my curriculum vitae as Exhibit JAL-1.
8	Q.	ARE YOU A MEMBER OF ANY PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS?
9	А.	Yes. I am a member of the International Association for Energy Economics, the
10		Energy Bar Association, and the Society for Benefit-Cost Analysis.
11	Q.	ON WHOSE BEHALF ARE YOU TESTIFYING?
12	А.	I am testifying on behalf of FirstEnergy Solutions Corp. ("FirstEnergy Solutions"
13		or "FES").
14 15	Q.	HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO ("PUCO")?
16	А.	Yes. I testified in Case Nos. 08-917-EL-UNC and 08-918-EL-UNC, generally
17		referred to as the "AEP POLR Remand" proceeding. I also testified in several cases
18		involving AEP Ohio, including: Case Nos. 11-346-EL-SSO, 11-348-EL-SSO, 11-349-
19		EL-AAM and 11-350-EL-AAM, in Case Nos. 11-501-EL-FOR and 11-502-EL-FOR, and
20		in Case No. 10-2929-EL-UNC. Most recently, I testified in Case No. 12-426-EL-SSO,
21		which involves the application of Dayton Power & Light Company for approval of its
22		Electric Service Plan ("ESP").

#### Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?

2	А.	My testimony addresses several aspects of Duke Energy Ohio's ("DEO" or "the
3		company") proposal to modify the terms of its ESP to incorporate an embedded-cost
4		based capacity charge. <sup>1</sup> Specifically, I find that DEO's proposal to recover the full
5		embedded costs of the company's so-called "Legacy Generating Assets" by establishing
6		a regulatory asset is unjust, unreasonable and imprudent for the following reasons:
7		1. DEO's proposal violates the terms of the Stipulation in Case No. 11-3459-EL-SSO, et
8		al., <sup>2</sup> in which the company agreed to charge customers the PJM market price for
9		capacity. The establishment of the regulatory asset to recover embedded costs
10		through a future nonbypassable charge effectively raises the price DEO will charge its
11		customers for capacity by over 300%.
12		2. The DEO application fails to acknowledge, recognize, or even discuss the fact that,
13		under the terms of the 2011 Stipulation, the company has been recovering \$110
14		million annually through a nonbypassable Electric Service Stability Charge
15		("ESSC"), which is in effect for calendar years 2012 – 2014, or \$330 million in total.
16		DEO witness Trent appears to deny the existence of the ESSC whatsoever. <sup>3</sup> As the
17		Stipulation itself states, the \$330 million is "an amount intended to provide stability
18		and certainty regarding DEO's provision of retail electric service as an FRR entity
19		while continuing to operate under an ESP." <sup>4</sup> Thus, in the aggregate, DEO now seeks
20		to recover over one billion dollars in nonbypassable charges from its customers to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Application of the Duke Energy Ohio Company for the Establishment of a Charge Pursuant to Revised Code Section 4909.18, August 29, 2012 ("DEO Application").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio for Authority to Establish a Standard Service Offer Pursuant to Section 4928.143, Revised Code, in the Form of an Electric Security Plan, Accounting Modifications and Tariffs for Generation Service, Case No. 11-3549-EL-SSO, et al., Stipulation and Recommendation, October 24, 2011 ("2011 Stipulation").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Application of the Duke Energy Ohio Company for the Establishment of a Charge Pursuant to Revised Code Section 4909.18, Direct Testimony of B. Keith Trent, March 1, 2013 ("Trent Direct"), p. 12, lines 4-6. "There is no existing rate or tariff that can be adjusted to remedy this financial situation as there is no existing rate or tariff that compensates Duke Energy Ohio for its provision of noncompetitive, wholesale capacity service."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 2011 Stipulation, p. 16.

- compensate the company for uneconomic generating assets. Together, these
   "financial integrity" payments equate to over \$1,500 for each and every DEO
   customer.
- There is no legitimate economic or regulatory basis for allowing DEO to collect the additional \$729 million, on top of the \$330 million the company is already collecting under the ESSC. Even if one accepts, <u>arguendo</u>, all of Mr. Wathen's calculations, removing the ESSC revenues from DEO's claimed revenue requirement reduces the "revenue to be collected" amount from the proposed \$729,122,082 to \$399,122,082.
- 9 3. The capacity cost prepared by Mr. Wathen uses incorrect capacity market prices,
  10 allocates an excessive amount of General Plant to the legacy generating assets, and
  11 fails to account for anticipated net income improvements as discussed in the
  12 deposition of DEO witness Savoy. With these changes, the revenues to be collected
  13 decrease further to \$200,447,690
- 14 4. Because DEO has agreed to structurally separate its generating assets on or before 15 December 31, 2014, DEO witness Trent's argument that DEO is providing a noncompetitive wholesale service using these assets will no longer be true following 16 structural separation.<sup>5</sup> At that time, capacity sales between the competitive 17 generation affiliate ("Genco") and DEO's electric distribution utility will be overseen 18 19 by FERC, which has jurisdiction over wholesale transactions. This new Genco will 20 be unable to mandate that DEO's distribution utility purchase capacity from it at an 21 above-market price. Likewise, a properly independent DEO will be free to obtain 22 capacity to satisfy its FRR obligation at the lowest-available market price, and any 23 above-market purchase from the Genco would be imprudent. Removing the final five 24 months' of costs, January 2015 – May 2015, from Mr. Wathen's calculations further 25 reduces the regulatory asset revenue requirement to \$124,455,400.
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<sup>5.</sup> The proposed change from charging CRES providers the market-based Final Zonal Capacity Price ("FZCP") to an embedded cost-based price of \$224.15/MW-day and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Trent Direct, p. 3, line 20.

1		establishment of a regulatory asset to recover the difference between this cost-based
2		price and the market-based FZCP results in failure of the "better in the aggregate" test
3		required under R.C. 4928.143(C)(1) for approval of an electric security plan ("ESP"),
4		which I refer to as the "ESP v. MRO" test. With the proposed capacity charge, the
5		present value cost of the ESP is approximately \$548.5 million greater than the MRO,
6		using the same ESP v. MRO test prepared by DEO witness Wathen in support of the
7		2011 Stipulation. <sup>6</sup> Even with the modifications to the regulatory asset amount
8		discussed previously, DEO fails the ESP v. MRO test.
9	6.	The DEO proposal fails to acknowledge that the time for recovery of stranded
10		generation costs, as part of the transition to competition that began in 2001 after
11		passage of S.B. 3, has long passed.
12	7.	The DEO proposal unreasonably concludes that, because the PUCO approved a cost-
13		based, above-market capacity charge for AEP Ohio after approving DEO's 2011
14		Stipulation agreed to by the settling parties, including PUCO Staff, the PUCO must
15		now change the terms of that Stipulation to allow DEO to collect an additional \$729
16		million in nonbypassable charges to support its uneconomic generating assets.
17	8.	DEO was not forced to join PJM. Rather, the company voluntarily left MISO and
18		joined PJM. DEO was aware of the obligations of membership in PJM and also was
19		aware at the time it joined PJM that the PJM market price for capacity for the 2012-
20		13 planning year would be approximately \$16/MW-day. DEO ratepayers should not
21		be forced to further subsidize a management decision to join PJM beyond the ESSC
22		subsidy agreed to in the 2011 Stipulation, especially as DEO agreed to charge the
23		PJM RPM market capacity price under its FRR obligation.
24	9.	DEO witnesses Trent, Savoy, and Wathen wrongly assert that DEO's financial
25		integrity will be harmed but for creation of this new regulatory asset and collection of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio for Authority to Establish a Standard Service Offer Pursuant to Section 4928.143, Revised Code, in the Form of an Electric Security Plan, Accounting Modifications and Tariffs for Generation Service, Case No. 11-3549-EL-SSO, et al., Supplemental Testimony of William D. Wathen, October 28, 2011 ("Wathen 2011 Supplemental"), Attachment WDW Supp-1.

1		a total of \$729 million in above-market costs over the 34-month period, August 2012
2		– May 2015, or \$257.3 million per year on an annualized basis. <sup>7</sup> In fact, DEO's
3		financial integrity is not in jeopardy. Rather, DEO's legacy generating assets, which
4		are part of DEO's Competitive Power business unit, are uncompetitive in the current
5		market. However, rather than addressing that issue, such as by retiring those assets
6		and purchasing the capacity the company needs to maintain its Fixed Resource
7		Requirement ("FRR") capacity obligation through May 31, 2015, which DEO
8		voluntarily assumed when the company chose to join PJM, DEO insists all of its
9		customers continue to financially support those uncompetitive assets for years to
10		come, including after the company has structurally separated its generating assets into
11		a separate corporate entity by December 31, 2014. Furthermore, Mr. Savoy's pro
12		forma projected income statements contain numerous flaws, notably failing to
13		recognize the \$330 million in ESSC revenue DEO will receive under the 2011
14		Stipulation.
15		10. Because DEO admits its legacy generating capacity is not competitive and argues that
16		regulation of its "noncompetitive wholesale capacity service" <sup>8</sup> falls under traditional
17		ratemaking principles, the company's use of legacy generating assets is not a "least-
18		cost" approach to meeting that obligation. Consistent with the tenets of "least-cost"
19		planning, DEO should be required to meet its FRR obligation at the lowest possible
20		cost. Because the legacy generating assets are clearly not "least-cost," all of the
21		above-market costs should be disallowed as imprudent.
22	II.	IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED NEW CHARGE ON DEO CUSTOMERS

### 23 Q. HAVE YOU ESTIMATED THE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED NEW

#### 24 **REGULATORY ASSET ON DEO'S CUSTOMERS?**

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Application of the Duke Energy Ohio Company for the Establishment of a Charge Pursuant to Revised Code Section 4909.18, Direct Testimony of William D. Wathen, March 1, 2013 ("Wathen Direct"), Attachment WDW-1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Trent Direct, p. 3, line 20.

- A. Yes. Using data published in DEO's 2011 FERC Form-1 report, which provides
   data through December 31, 2011, I have calculated the impact on DEO's residential,
   commercial, and industrial customers. These impacts are shown in Table 1.
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#### Table 1: Customer Impacts of Requested New Capacity Charge<sup>9</sup>

Line No.	Line Item Description	Amount	Source / Calculation
1	Requested Capacity Charge	\$ 729,122,082	Source: Exhibit WDW-1 Conf, Page 3 of 24
2	Average Number of Customers	685,859	Source: 2011 FERC Form 1, Page 304
3	Capacity Charge (\$ per Customer)	\$ 1,063.08	Equals: Line 1 / Line 2
4	Capacity Charge Period (in months)	34	Source: Application
5	Annual MWh Sales	20,238,172	Source: 2011 FERC Form 1, Page 304
6	Total MWh Sales Over Capacity Charge Period	57,341,487	Equals: Line 4 x Line 5 /12
7	Capacity Charge (\$ per MWh)	\$ 12.72	Equals: Line 1 / Line 6
8	Residential		
9	2011 Residential Customers	610,416	Source: 2011 FERC Form 1, Page 301
10	2011 Residential Sales (MWh)	7,331,858	Source: 2011 FERC Form 1, Page 301
11	Residential Sales/Customer (MWh)	12.01	Equals: Line 10 / Line 9
12	Total Residential Sales/Cust Over Charge Period	34.03	Equals: Line 11 x Line 4 /12
13	Cost per Residential Customer	\$ 433	Equals: Line 7 x Line 12
14	Commercial		
15	2011 Commercial Customers	67,207	Source: 2011 FERC Form 1, Page 301
16	2011 Commercial Sales (MWh)	6,493,122	Source: 2011 FERC Form 1, Page 301
17	Commercial Sales/Customer (MWh)	96.61	Equals: Line 16 / Line 15
18	Total Commercial Sales/Cust Over Charge Period	273.74	Equals: Line 17 x Line 4 /12
19	Cost per Commercial Customer	\$ 3,481	Equals: Line 7 x Line 18
20	Industrial		
21	2011 Industrial Customers	2,222	Source: 2011 FERC Form 1, Page 301
22	2011 Industrial Sales	4,938,881	Source: 2011 FERC Form 1, Page 301
23	Industrial Sales/Customer (MWh)	2,222.72	Equals: Line 22 / Line 21
24	Total Industrial Sales/Cust Over Charge Period	6,297.70	Equals: Line 23 x Line 4 /12
25	Cost per Industrial Customer	\$ 80,078	Equals: Line 7 x Line 24

As Table 1 shows, the requested capacity charge will impose an overall average cost of
\$1,063 per DEO customer (line 3). The requested capacity charge is equivalent to a cost
of \$12.72/MWh (line 7). As a result, requested capacity charge will require the average
DEO residential customer to pay an additional \$433 (line 13), the average commercial
customer to pay an additional \$3,481 (line 19), and the average industrial customer to pay

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> The total number of customers (line 2) does not tie to the sum of Residential, Commercial, and Industrial customers, because Public Street and Highway Lighting and Other Sales to Public Authorities are not included.

1		an additional \$80,078 (line 25) in above-market costs to support DEO's legacy
2		generating assets and the company's alleged "financial integrity."
3 4 5 6	Q.	HOW MUCH WILL DEO CUSTOMERS PAY WHEN YOU INCLUDE THE \$330 MILLION IN ESSC CHARGES THAT WILL BE COLLECTED TO PRESERVE THE COMPANY'S FINANCIAL INTEGRITY UNDER THE 2011 STIPULATION?
7	A.	The totals for residential, commercial, and industrial customers are shown in
8		Table 2. As this table shows, the combination of the ESSC and the requested capacity
9		charge will mean the average customer will pay an additional \$1,544 to support the
10		financial integrity of DEO's legacy generating units. The average residential customer
11		will pay an additional \$629 (line 13), the average commercial customer will pay an
12		additional \$5,056 (line 19), and the average industrial customer will pay an additional
13		\$116,321 (line 25).

#### Table 2: Combined Customer Impacts of Requested Capacity Charge and ESSC<sup>10</sup>

Line No.	Line Item Description		Amount	Source / Calculation
1	Requested Capacity Charge + ESSC Charge	\$1	1,059,122,082	Source: Exhibit WDW-1 Conf, Page 3 of 24 and Case No. 11-3549-EL-SSO, Exhibit WDW Supp 1
2	Average Number of Customers		685,859	Source: 2011 FERC Form 1, Page 304
3	Total Capacity + ESSC Charge (\$ per Customer)	\$	1,544.23	Equals: Line 1 / Line 2
4	ESP Period (in months)		41	Source: Case No. 11-3549-EL-SSO, Exhibit WDW Supp 1
5	Annual MWh Sales		20,238,172	Source: 2011 FERC Form 1, Page 304
6	Total MWh Sales Over ESP Period		69, <mark>1</mark> 47,088	Equals: Line 4 x Line 5 /12
7	Capacity Charge (\$ per MWh)	\$	15.32	Equals: Line 1 / Line 6
8	Residential			
9	2011 Residential Customers		610,416	Source: 2011 FERC Form 1, Page 301
10	2011 Residential Sales (MWh)		7,331,858	Source: 2011 FERC Form 1, Page 301
11	Residential Sales/Customer (MWh)		12.01	Equals: Line 10 / Line 9
12	Total Residential Sales/Cust ESP Charge Period		41.04	Equals: Line 11 x Line 4 /12
13	Cost per Residential Customer	\$	629	Equals: Line 7 x Line 12
14	Commercial			
15	2011 Commercial Customers		67,207	Source: 2011 FERC Form 1, Page 301
16	2011 Commercial Sales (MWh)		6,493,122	Source: 2011 FERC Form 1, Page 301
17	Commercial Sales/Customer (MWh)		96.61	Equals: Line 16 / Line 15
18	Total Commercial Sales Over ESP Period		330.10	Equals: Line 17 x Line 4 /12
19	Cost per Commercial Customer	\$	5,056	Equals: Line 7 x Line 18
20	Industrial			
21	2011 Industrial Customers		2,222	Source: 2011 FERC Form 1, Page 301
22	2011 Industrial Sales		4,938,881	Source: 2011 FERC Form 1, Page 301
23	Industrial Sales/Customer (MWh)		2,222.72	Equals: Line 22 / Line 21
24	Total Industrial Sales Over ESP Period		7,594.29	Equals: Line 23 x Line 4 /12
25	Cost per Industrial Customer	\$	116,321	Equals: Line 7 x Line 24

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## Q. WILL THESE SUBSIDIES OF DEO'S UNCOMPETITIVE GENERATION THAT ARE PAID BY DEO CUSTOMERS ADVERSELY AFFECT THE OHIO ECONOMY?

A. Absolutely. In total, DEO is asking its customers to pay over \$1 billion of their
money to support its uncompetitive legacy generating units. Although these funds will
contribute to preserving the jobs of DEO (and AEP Ohio) employees who work at these
plants, preserving those jobs will result in less economic growth in DEO's service

10 territory and throughout Ohio.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> The total number of customers (line 2) does not tie to the sum of Residential, Commercial, and Industrial customers, because Public Street and Highway Lighting and Other Sales to Public Authorities are not included.

1	In supporting the new capacity charge, DEO witness Trent states, "Access to low-
2	cost, reliable power is a critical factor in a company's decision about where to locate its
3	facilities." <sup>11</sup> I agree completely: DEO's requested capacity charge will drive <u>away</u>
4	companies that are making location decisions. Companies will not be drawn to DEO's
5	service territory by the prospect of having to pay many thousands of dollars more for
6	their electricity; they will look elsewhere, possibly to other states.

#### 7 III. RECALCULATION OF DEO CAPACITY COST ESTIMATES

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#### Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS SECTION OF YOUR TESTIMONY?

9 In this section, I present adjustments to the \$729 million embedded cost of A. 10 capacity value DEO requests from ratepayers on a nonbypassable basis by creating a 11 regulatory asset. These changes address the following issues: (1) a recognition that, as 12 part of the 2011 Stipulation, DEO was granted recovery of \$330 million through a nonbypassable ESSC over the three-year period, 2012 - 2014; (2) incorporation of the 13 14 impact of net income improvements identified in the deposition of witness Savoy; (3) 15 reduction of the amount of General Plant allocated to power production to equal the amount allocated by DEO in its current electric distribution rate case<sup>12</sup>; (4) correction of 16 17 the FZCP capacity prices used by DEO witness Wathen, which reflect the Base Residual Auction ("BRA") clearing prices for planning years 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15, 18 19 rather than the FZCP in 2012/13 and 2013/14 and the zonal price after the BRA and the 20 first incremental auction price in 2014/15; and (5) adjustment of the above-market costs

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Trent Direct, p. 22, lines 15-16.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for an Increase in Electric Distribution Rates, Case No. 12-1682-EL-AIR, filed June 7, 2012.

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to account for structural separation of DEO's generating assets no later than December 31, 2014, as agreed to by DEO in the 2011 Stipulation.

# Q. IN MAKING THESE REVISIONS TO DEO WITNESS WATHEN'S EMBEDDED COST ANALYSIS, ARE YOU TESTIFYING THAT DEO IS ENTITLED TO RECOVER ABOVE-MARKET CAPACITY COSTS?

6 A. No. As part of the 2011 Stipulation, DEO agreed to charge the PJM RPM market 7 price to CRES providers to meet its FRR obligation. As DEO witness Wathen testified in 8 support of the 2011 Stipulation, DEO agreed that its customers would not pay for 9 capacity based on DEO's embedded costs of its legacy generating assets as proposed in 10 its ESP Application but would instead "now be paying market-based prices for capacity in perpetuity."<sup>13</sup> DEO should plainly not be allowed to alter the terms of the 2011 11 12 Stipulation and recover the embedded costs of its legacy generating assets from its 13 customers. Creating a regulatory asset that will "true up" the difference between DEO's 14 estimate of its embedded capacity costs and the revenues the company will receive 15 selling capacity at the market price will adversely affect retail competition because, once 16 DEO begins to recover the regulatory asset, customers who shop will effectively be 17 forced to pay twice for their capacity. These customers will pay the market price of 18 capacity through their CRES providers and also pay for DEO's embedded capacity costs. 19 However, if the PUCO allows DEO to collect any above-market, embedded 20 capacity costs, the amount the company is allowed to collect should be reduced 21 significantly from the amount shown in Mr. Wathen's exhibits, based on the adjustments 22 I present below.

Wathen 2011 Supplemental, p. 10, lines 18-21 (emphasis added).

A. Reduction of the Regulatory Asset to Account for ESSC Revenues

## Q. WHY SHOULD THE EMBEDDED CAPACITY COSTS DEO PROPOSES TO COLLECT BE REDUCED TO REFLECT THE ESSC PAYMENTS THE COMPANY IS RECEIVING?

- 5 A. As part of the 2011 Stipulation, DEO was authorized to collect \$330 million from
- 6 ratepayers through a nonbypassable ESSC, whose purpose was to provide for the
- 7 financial integrity of the company's generating resources used to provide its FRR
- 8 obligation. As DEO witness Wathen testified in support of the 2011 Stipulation,
- 9 The ESP further provides a degree of stability and certainty with respect to 10 the financial integrity of Duke Energy Ohio for the term of the ESP as the 11 Company fulfills its commitment to legally separate its generation assets 12 from the electric distribution utility (EDU) by transferring its generation 13 fleet to a non-regulated affiliate.<sup>14</sup>
- 14 The plain language of Mr. Wathen's testimony in support of the 2011 Stipulation is clear:
- 15 the ESSC represents additional revenues for DEO to support its legacy generating assets.
- 16 The company's financial integrity as a provider of local distribution service is not
- 17 threatened because DEO can, and has, filed electric and natural gas distribution rate
- 18 cases, most recently in 2012. These traditional rate cases will provide the funds
- 19 necessary for DEO to maintain distribution service and ensure it has access to capital
- 20 markets.

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- Apparently, concerns about the financial integrity of DEO's legacy generating
- 22 assets lie at the heart of DEO's application in the instant proceeding. DEO witness
- 23 Savoy has prepared pro forma financial statements for DEO's generating assets that he
- 24 proclaims "identify the significant financial harm to which DEO has been and will

Wathen 2011 Supplemental, p. 2, lines 7-11 (emphasis added).

1	continue to be exposed in the event its proposals, as described in these proceedings, are
2	denied." <sup>15</sup> Similarly, DEO witness Trent states, "It is undeniable that Duke Energy
3	Ohio's financial integrity is in a dire and precarious position. Duke Energy Ohio witness
4	Brian Savoy testifies concerning the projected annualized return on equity (ROE) for
5	Duke Energy Ohio's generating assets." <sup>16</sup>
6	Although, as I discuss below, Mr. Trent's testimony is incorrect – DEO's
7	financial integrity is clearly not at risk and Mr. Savoy's return projections are erroneous -
8	these witnesses' own testimony demonstrate that the entire purpose of the company's
9	application for a regulatory asset is based on the same financial integrity issues discussed
10	in the 2011 Stipulation and for which DEO was granted the right to collect \$330 million
11	through the nonbypassable ESSC. Moreover, according to the response to Interrogatory
12	FES-3-5 (attached as Exhibit JAL-2), the ESSC revenues are entirely allocated to DEO's
13	Commercial Power business segment, in which the company's legacy generating assets
14	are accounted for. This affirms the fact that the ESSC revenues are designed to subsidize
15	the legacy generating assets. If DEO requires additional revenues for its regulated
16	distribution and transmission businesses, it can file a traditional rate case to request such
17	revenues.

## 18 Q. HAS DEO ACCOUNTED FOR THE ESSC REVENUES IN THEIR PENDING 19 ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION CASE?

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A.

No. DEO did not include an offset to its requested revenue requirement in its pending electric distribution case for ESSC revenues. By not reflecting the ESSC

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Application of the Duke Energy Ohio Company for the Establishment of a Charge Pursuant to Revised Code Section 4909.18, Direct Testimony of Brian Savoy, March 1, 2013 ("Savoy Direct"), p. 5, lines 14-16.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Trent Direct, p. 11, lines 19-22 (emphasis added).

1	revenues in that case, DEO acknowledges that these revenues are not distribution-related
2	and therefore are being used for the generation segment of their business.

# Q. BECAUSE THE ESSC REVENUES ARE DESIGNED TO MAINTAIN DEO'S FINANCIAL INTEGRITY, WHAT IS THE MINIMUM ADJUSTMENT THE PUCO SHOULD MAKE TO DEO'S REQUEST?

- 6 A. If, despite the fact that creation of this new regulatory asset changes the terms of
- 7 the 2011 Stipulation, leads to failure of the MRO v. ESP test, and allows DEO to
- 8 continue recovering stranded generation costs years after the transition period ended, then
- 9 <u>at an absolute minimum</u> the PUCO should reduce DEO's request for creation of a \$729
- 10 million regulatory asset by the full \$330 million the company will recover through the
- 11 ESSC. This implies an absolute maximum regulatory asset value of \$399,122,082, or
- 12 \$140,866,617 on an annualized basis.

1 2		B. <u>Reduction of the Regulatory Asset to Account for Anticipated Net Income</u> <u>Improvements</u>
3 4 5	Q.	HOW SHOULD ANTICIPATED ADJUSTMENTS TO NET INCOME BE INCORPORATED AS AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE PROPOSED REVENUE REQUIREMENT?
6	A.	Line 21 of Attachment BDS-1 refers to "Adjusted Net Income," which is
7		calculated by subtracting current and deferred income taxes (line 20) from earnings
8		before income tax ("EBIT") shown on line 19. On a before-tax basis, therefore,
9		revenues must be "grossed-up" for income taxes, using DEO's effective marginal tax
10		rate. For example, if after-tax income increases by \$100 and the effective marginal tax
11		rate is 35%, then pre-tax income increases by $100/(1 - 0.35) = 153.85$ . As a result, a
12		\$100 increase in after-tax net income reduces revenues to be collected by \$153.85.
13 14 15	Q.	WHAT IS THE OVERALL IMPACT ON NET REVENUE TO BE COLLECTED BECAUSE OF MR. SAVOY'S ANTICIPATED INCREASES IN AFTER-TAX NET INCOME IN 2013 AND 2014?
16	A.	Using the effective 35.2796% effective income tax rate in Mr. Wathen's
17		workpapers and the assumed midpoint increase in after-tax net income of [BEGIN
18		CONFIDENTIAL] [END CONFIDENTIAL], the overall reduction in
19		revenues to be collected is [BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]
20		CONFIDENTIAL].
21 22 23	Q.	HAVE YOU CALCULATED THE IMPACT TO THE PROPOSED NET REVENUE TO BE COLLECTED SHOWN IN DEO WITNESS WATHEN'S ATTACHMENT WDW-1 FROM INCLUDING THE ESSC REVENUES AND

24 ANTICIPATED INCREASES IN AFTER-TAX NET INCOME?

1	А.	Yes. My calculation is shown in Table 3 below. Lines $1 - 12$ of the table
2		reproduce the values shown in Mr. Wathen's Attachment WDW-1. Line 13 subtracts the
3		\$330 million ESSC value, which is equivalent to \$116,470,588 on an annualized basis
4		over DEO's proposed 34-month recovery period, August 2012 – May 2015. Line 14
5		subtracts the [BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL] [END CONFIDENTIAL]
6		associated with anticipated net income improvements discussed above. As a result, the
7		total revenue to be collected is reduced from the \$729,122,082 value to \$229,160,126, or
8		\$80,880,044 on an annualized basis. Mr. Wathen's daily capacity rate of \$224.15/MW-
9		day is reduced to \$115.75/MW-day. His net charge to be collected after accounting for
10		revenues from capacity sales at the RPM market price is reduced from \$158.08/MW-day
11		to \$49.69/MW-day. <sup>17</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> The \$/MW-day values are actually meaningless, and I report them in the table for comparison purposes only with Mr. Wathen's \$/MW-day values.

### Table 3: Revised Wathen Capacity Cost Values, Accounting for ESSC and Anticipated Net Income Improvements

Line No.	ltem		Total	Ļ	Annualized	Notes
1	Total Revenue Requirement	\$	1,350,796,592	\$	476,751,738	Exh. WDW-1, p.3, Line 6
2						Exh. WDW-1, p.3, Line 7
3						Equals Line 1 + Line 2
4						Exh. WDW-1, p.3, Line 8
5						Exh. WDW-1, p.3, Line 10
6						Exh. WDW-1, p.3, Line 11
7	Net Revenue Requirement	\$	725,235,452	\$	255,965,454	Equals $\Sigma$ { Lines 3, 4, 5, 6}
8	Commercial Activities Tax (0.26%)	\$	3,886,630	\$	1,371,752	Exh. WDW-1, p.3, Line 13
9	Net Revenue to be Collected	\$	729,122,082	\$	257,337,205	Equals Line 7 + Line 8
10	Wathen Capacity Rate (before-credits)			\$	323.26	Exh. WDW-1, p.1, Line 4/5
11	Wathen Capacity Rate (after energy, A/S-credits)			\$	224.15	Exh. WDW-1, p.1, Line 9/10
12	Wathen Capacity Rate (after cap, energy, A/S-credits)			\$	158.08	Exh. WDW-1, p.1, Line 14/15
13	Less ESSC Revenues	\$	(330,000,000)	\$	(116,470,588)	2011 Stipulation, annualized over 34 months
14						Savoy Depo., 3/15/2013, p.153, (\$110M/(1-
15	Not Povonuo Poquirament (less energy A/S)					WDW-1,Page 15, Line 4))
15	Net Revenue Requirement (less energy, A/S)	\$ 	533,854,604	\$ 	188,419,272	Equals Σ { Lines 3, 5, 6, 8, 13, 14}
10	Net Revenue to be Collected	Ş	229,160,126	Ş	80,880,044	Equals Line 15 + Line 4
17	Revised Wathen Capacity Rate (after energy, A/S-credits)			\$	115.75	Equals Line 15 / 4,459.85 / 365
18	Revised Wathen Capacity Rate (after cap, energy, A/S-credits)			\$	49.69	Equals Line 16 / 4,459.85 / 365

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#### C. Additional Adjustments for Capacity Prices and General Plant

## 5 Q. ARE THE ADJUSTMENTS IN TABLE 3 THE ONLY ADJUSTMENTS YOU 6 RECOMMEND?

7 No. First, let me stress I recommend DEO not be allowed to create this regulatory A. asset whatsoever to recover any additional embedded costs associated with the legacy 8 9 generating assets above revenues collected at the FZCP. If, however, the PUCO does 10 allow DEO to establish this regulatory asset, Mr. Wathen's estimate also should be 11 adjusted to (1) correct for incorrect FZCP prices he used to estimate capacity revenues 12 and purchase costs; and (2) remove excess General Plant included in his rate base, and 13 thus return on rate base and associated expenses and income taxes. These two changes 14 also affect the amount of the Commercial Activities Tax to be collected.

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#### Q. HOW DID YOU ADJUST THE CAPACITY PRICES?

A. Based on the data shown on DEO witness Wathen's work paper (attached as
Confidential Exhibit JAL-3), the FZCP capacity prices used by DEO to estimate revenues
from capacity sales and costs of capacity purchases are outdated and incorrect. Table 4
provides the current BRA and FZCP capacity prices.

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PJM Planning Year	RPM BRA Clearing Price (\$/MW-day)	Final Zonal Capacity Price (\$/MW-day)
	[1]	[2]
2012/13	\$16.46	\$16.74
2013/14	\$27.73	\$28.45
2014/15	\$125.99	\$128.17

#### **Table 4: BRA and FZCP Capacity Prices**

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[1]: Source - PJM RPM Auction User Information, http://www.pjm.com/markets-andoperations/rpm [2]: 2012/13 and 2013/14 are final RPM prices. 2014/15 reflects price after 1st incremental auction 7 8 Mr. Wathen's work papers show that he used the BRA clearing prices for the 2012/2013, 9 2013/14 and 2014/15 planning years, rather than the FZCP prices. The final "rest-of-PJM" or RTO RPM market price for the 2013/14 planning year, after the recent third 10 incremental auction, is \$28.45/MW-day.<sup>18</sup> For the 2014/15 planning year, PJM has 11 12 conducted the Base Residual Auction and the first incremental auction. The current RTO market price for this planning year is \$128.17/MW-day.<sup>19</sup> 13

PJM, "2013 auction results for BRA and all incremental auctions.xls." Available at:
 <u>http://www.pjm.com/~/media/markets-ops/rpm/rpm-auction-info/2013-2014-auction-results-for-bra-and-all-incremental-auctions.ashx</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> PJM, "2014/2015 First Incremental Auction Results.xls." Available at: <u>http://www.pjm.com/~/media/markets-ops/rpm/rpm-auction-info/2014-2015-first-incremental-auction-results.ashx</u>

1		To adjust for revenues from the sale of capacity, I have used the data provided on
2		the confidential work papers of DEO witness Wathen, which indicate DEO is currently
3		selling [BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL] [END CONFIDENTIAL] of capacity
4		in the current 2012/13 planning year, and will be selling [BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]
5		[END CONFIDENTIAL] of capacity in the 2013/14 and
6		2014/15 PJM planning years, respectively. Using these values and the prices shown in
7		Table 4, the resulting capacity sales revenues total [BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]
8		[END CONFIDENTIAL] value used by Mr.
9		Wathen. I also adjusted the capacity purchase costs to reflect the current capacity prices
10		shown in Table 4. Using these values and the prices shown in Table 4, the resulting
11		capacity purchase expenses total [BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]
12		[END CONFIDENTIAL] value used by Mr. Wathen.
13 14	Q.	WHY DID YOU ADJUST THE AMOUNT OF GENERAL PLANT REFLECTED IN DEO WITNESS WATHEN'S ATTACHMENT WDW-1?
15	А.	As shown on page 13, line 15 of Attachment WDW-1, DEO witness Wathen
16		allocated 51.417% of total DEO Electric General Plant to the legacy generating assets.
17		His allocation percentage is based on wages and salaries related to electric production
18		operations as a percentage of total electric operations wages and salaries, excluding
19		administrative and general labor expense, as shown on page 13 of 24, lines 13 and 15 of
20		Exhibit WDW-1. Of that 51.417% value, Mr. Wathen allocates 32.147% to demand-
21		related (fixed) costs and the remaining 19.270% to energy (variable) costs of production.
22		This allocation is inconsistent with the allocation of General Plant in DEO's
23		current electric distribution rate case, Case No. 12-1682-EL-AIR.

#### Q. WHAT IS GENERAL PLANT?

A. Under FERC's Uniform System of Accounts, General Plant consists of assets that
provide service to all aspects of the company that cannot be otherwise categorized. For
example, Account 390, Structures, includes the offices used by DEO shared-services
employees – accountants, planners, human resources managers, and so forth. Those
offices are used to support not only the generation function, but also the distribution,
transmission, and customer functions. Because General Plant is used for all of these
functions, it must be allocated among them for ratemaking purposes.

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#### Q. HOW DID YOU ADJUST MR. WATHEN'S GENERAL PLANT PERCENTAGE?

10 In DEO's current Electric Distribution case, DEO allocates 92.257% of all A. 11 Electric General Plant to the Ohio distribution part of its business, as shown on Schedule 12 B-2.1 of that filing (attached as Exhibit JAL-4). Because, in that proceeding, DEO is 13 including 92.257% of the total company Electric General Plant in the Ohio jurisdictional 14 distribution rate base, then it is impossible to allocate more than 7.743% of company 15 Electric General Plant to the Ohio electric production rate base DEO witness Wathen is 16 defining for purposes of this capacity proceeding (100% - 92.257% = 7.743%). 17 Moreover, the 7.743% value is possible only if zero percent of Electric General Plant is allocated to the transmission function. Thus, using any higher percentage would allow 18 19 DEO to recover the same Electric General Plant costs in both its distribution rates and 20 through the requested regulatory asset, which is clearly incompatible with basic rate 21 regulation.

Therefore, I adjusted the Electric General Plant allocator to its maximum level of
7.743% to avoid double recovery of Electric General Plant in both distribution and

1	production rate base. I then used the same relative allocation percentages between
2	demand-related (fixed) and energy (variable) costs. Thus, of the 7.743% of Electric
3	General Plant allocated to production, I allocated 4.841% to demand-related costs and
4	2.902% to energy-related costs. I applied these same allocation percentages to the
5	Intangible Plant balances shown on page 13, line 4 of Attachment WDW-1. The result
6	reduces Mr. Wathen's Electric General Plant allocated to the legacy generating assets
7	from \$46,414,290 to \$4,370,094, and Intangible Plant allocated to the legacy generating
8	assets from \$40,379,600 to \$3,801,903. Thus, I reduced Mr. Wathen's overall allocation
9	of Electric General Plant and Intangible Plant from the \$54,265,855 he uses, as shown on
10	page 13, line 16 of Attachment WDW-1 to \$8,171,997, which reduces his Total Revenue
11	Requirement by \$25,676,839.

## 12 Q. WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF ALL THE ADDITIONAL CHANGES YOU 13 DISCUSSED?

A. Collectively, these changes reduce the amount of Mr. Wathen's total claimed
revenue to be collected from \$729,122,082 to \$200,447,690, or \$70,746,244 on an
annualized basis, as shown in Table 5. This implies a capacity rate of \$110.74/MW-day
net of energy and ancillary service credits, and a rate of \$43.46/MW-day net of capacity
sales revenues.



Line No.	ltem		Total	A	Annualized	Notes
1	Total Revenue Requirement	\$ :	1,325,186,513	\$	467,712,887	Exh. WDW-1, p.3, Line 6, adj. for General Plant
2						Exh. WDW-1, p.3, Line 7, adj. for RPM cost
3						Equals Line 1 + Line 2
4						Savoy WP, p. 78 and final FZCP prices, per Table 4
5						Exh. WDW-1, p.3, Line 10
6						Exh. WDW-1, p.3, Line 11
7	Net Revenue Requirement	\$	696,583,023	\$	245,852,832	- Equals Σ { Lines 3, 4, 5, 6}
8	Commercial Activities Tax (0.26%)	\$	3,826,622	\$	1,350,572	- Equals Line 3 x [ (1/0.9974) - 1 ]
9	Less ESSC Revenue	\$	(330,000,000)	\$	(116,470,588)	2011 Stipulation, annualized over 34 month period
10						Savoy Deposition, 3/15/2013, p.153, (\$110M/(1-WDW-1,Page 15, Line 4))
11	Net Revenue Requirement (less energy, A/S)	\$	510,774,755	\$	180,273,443	Equals Σ { Lines 3, 5, 6, 8, 9,10}
12	Net Revenue to be Collected	\$	200,447,690	\$	70,746,244	Equals Line 10 + Line 4
13	Revised Wathen Capacity Rate (after energy, A/S-credits)			\$	110.74	- Equals Line 10 / 4,459.85 / 365
14	Revised Wathen Capacity Rate (after cap, energy, A/S-credits)			\$	43.46	Equals Line 11 / 4,459.85 / 365

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3 4		D. <u>Adjustment to Account for Structural Separation of DEO's Generating</u> <u>Assets</u>
5 6 7	Q.	WHY DOES STRUCTURAL SEPARATION OF DEO'S GENERATING ASSETS BY DECEMBER 31, 2014 REQUIRE AN ADJUSTMENT TO MR. WATHEN'S EMBEDDED CAPACITY COST ESTIMATES?
8	А.	After structural separation, DEO's new affiliated Genco will be a separate
9		corporate entity selling wholesale energy and capacity. As such, it will be regulated by
10		FERC, which oversees the PJM energy and capacity markets. The new Genco will
11		operate like other competitive generation suppliers. Because DEO will still be a FRR
12		entity, it will have to purchase all of its capacity from the PJM market as of January 1,
13		2015 through bilateral transactions. (As a FRR entity, DEO cannot participate in the PJM
14		RPM auctions.)
15		The Genco, which will operate independently from DEO, will be unable to force
16		DEO to enter into a contract to purchase capacity at an above-market, fully embedded

1	cost price. FERC will not allow such a contract to be enforced, because it would be a
2	clear cross-subsidy by regulated ratepayers to the Genco. Nor, for that matter, will the
3	PUCO be able to mandate that DEO purchase capacity from the Genco at the above-
4	market, fully embedded cost, again, because FERC will have jurisdiction over such a
5	wholesale transaction. And, if it could mandate such a contract, the PUCO would be
6	forcing DEO to incur an imprudent cost.

## Q. HOW DOES THIS AFFECT MR. WATHEN'S CALCULATION OF THE 8 REGULATORY ASSET VALUE?

9 A. Structural separation means that all above-market, embedded capacity costs
10 incurred as of January 1, 2015 should be eliminated from Mr. Wathen's calculations.

#### 11 Q. HAVE YOU MADE THOSE ADJUSTMENTS?

12 A. Yes. The adjusted costs are shown in Table 6.

Line No.	ltem		Total		Annualized	Notes
1	Total Revenue Requirement	\$ 1	1,130,306,144	\$	467,712,887	Exh. WDW-1, p.3, Line 6, adj. for General Plant and last 5 months of PY 15
2 3			I	•		Exh. WDW-1, p.3, Line 7, adj. for RPM cost and last 5 months of PY 15 Equals Line 1 + Line 2
4						Savoy WP, p. 78 and final FZCP prices, per Table 4 and adj. for last 5 months of PY 15
5 6						Exh. WDW-1, p.3, Line 10, adj. per Savoy depo. and adj. for last 5 months of PY 15 Exh. WDW-1, p.3, Line 11 adj. for last 5 months of PY 15
7	Net Revenue Requirement	\$	621,218,406	\$	257,055,892	Equals $\Sigma$ { Lines 3, 4, 5, 6}
8	Commercial Activities Tax (0.26%)	\$	3,198,948	\$	1,323,703	Equals Line 3 x [ (1/0.9974) - 1 ]
9	Net Revenue to be Collected	\$	624,417,355	\$	258,379,595	Equals Line 7 + Line 8
10	Less ESSC Revenue	\$	(330,000,000)	\$	(136,551,724)	2011 Stipulation, annualized over 29 month period
11						Savoy Deposition, 3/15/2013, p.153, (\$110M/(1-WDW-1,Page 15, Line 4))
12	Net Revenue Requirement (less energy, A/S)	\$	337,161,971	\$	139,515,298	Equals $\Sigma$ { Lines 3, 5, 6, 8, 10,11}
13	Net Revenue to be Collected	\$	124,455,400	\$	<b>51,498,78</b> 6	Equals Line 11 + Line 4
14	Revised Wathen Capacity Rate (after energy, A/S-credits)			\$	85.71	Equals Line 11 / 4459.85 / 365
15	Revised Wathen Capacity Rate (after cap, energy, A/S-credits)			\$	31.64	Equals Line 12 / 4459.85 / 365

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As Table 6 shows, eliminating the five months of 2015 from the calculation further

reduces the net revenue amount to \$124,455,400.

## 5 Q. CAN YOU SUMMARIZE THE OVERALL IMPACT OF YOUR ADJUSTMENTS 6 TO MR. WATHEN'S CALACULATED REVENUE TO BE COLLECTED?

7 A. Yes. Table 7 summarizes the adjustments I have made to Mr. Wathen's revenue

8 to be collected amount of \$729,122,082 to the \$124,455,400 in Table 6.

#### Table 7: Summary of Adjustments to Wathen Revenues to be Collected

Line No.	ltem	Total
1	Net Revenue to be Collected -As Filed	\$ 729,122,082
2	Adjustment 1 - ESSC Revenue	\$ (330,000,000)
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4	Adjustment 3 - General Plant grossed up for CAT	\$ (25,676,839)
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7	Net Revenue to be Collected -Adjusted	\$ 124,455,400

# IV. THE PROPOSED CAPACITY CHARGE LEADS TO FAILURE OF THE ESP V. MRO TEST THE COMPANY SUBMITTED TO JUSTIFY ACCEPTANCE OF THE STIPULATION

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#### Q. WHY IS THE ESP V. MRO TEST IMPORTANT?

6	А.	R.C. 4928.143(C)(1) states that an electric security plan must be "[m]ore
7		favorable in the aggregate as compared to the expected results that would otherwise apply
8		under section 4928.142 of the Revised Code." One common interpretation of this
9		requirement is to compare the present value costs paid by ratepayers under a proposed
10		ESP with the present value costs those ratepayers would otherwise pay under a market
11		rate offer ("MRO"), i.e., a comparison to market-based rates. This, in fact, is the analysis
12		DEO witness Wathen himself performed in support of the 2011 Stipulation, as presented
13		in his Attachment WDW Supp-1 (attached as Exhibit JAL-5). Mr. Wathen's
14		performance of this "better in the aggregate test" showed a net present value ("NPV")
15		benefit of \$62,059,459 for the stipulated ESP compared to an MRO.
16		Because DEO proposes to collect an additional \$729 million in revenues and
17		create a regulatory asset, the terms of the stipulated ESP have changed. As such, a new
18		ESP v. MRO test is required. As I show below, updating Mr. Wathen's own "better in

the aggregate test" reveals the new ESP fails the "better in the aggregate test" when the
 new revenues DEO proposes to collect are included.

# Q. DEO ARGUES THE TERMS OF THE ESP ARE NOT CHANGING, BUT THAT DEO IS SIMPLY SEEKING TO RECOVER THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH "NONCOMPETITIVE WHOLESALE CAPACITY SERVICE."<sup>20</sup> DO YOU AGREE?

7 Α. No. Irrespective of the self-serving arguments made by DEO, the company 8 wishes to recover higher capacity costs than set forth in the 2011 Stipulation and to 9 establish a regulatory asset that will be recovered from all of its ratepayers on a 10 nonbypassable basis. This is no different than what AEP Ohio initially requested as part 11 of its SSO filing, which was to charge all customers an embedded cost-based capacity 12 charge. 13 DEO's argument that capacity is a noncompetitive wholesale service also makes 14 no economic sense. In PJM, there is a competitive wholesale capacity market, which is 15 overseen by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC"). DEO voluntarily 16 joined PJM and now wants to recover capacity costs that it could not otherwise recover 17 on a competitive basis in the PJM market.

# 18 Q. DEO CITES THE COMMISSION DECISION ALLOWING AEP OHIO TO 19 CHARGE AN EMBEDDED COST-BASED CAPACITY RATE TO CRES 20 PROVIDERS AS THE REASON FOR ITS APPLICATION IN THIS 21 PROCEEDING. IS DEO'S PROPOSAL TO COLLECT AN EMBEDDED-COST 22 BASED RATE THE SAME AS AEP OHIO?

A. No. DEO is not proposing to charge CRES providers an above-market capacity
price, as AEP Ohio did in Case No. 10-2929-EL-UNC. The PUCO ordered AEP Ohio to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Trent Direct, p. 5, line 13.

collect these revenues on a deferred basis, establishing a regulatory asset. However, the
plain language of the PUCO Order in Case No. 10-2929-EL-UNC is that the deferred
revenues are based on capacity sold to CRES providers. In contrast, DEO wishes to
establish a regulatory asset for <u>all</u> of its above-market embedded capacity costs, and not
just the costs associated with capacity resources the company provides to CRES
providers under its FRR obligation.

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#### Q. WHY DID DEO DECIDE TO WITHDRAW FROM MISO AND JOIN PJM?

8 A. In Case No. 10-2586-EL-SSO, in which DEO applied for a MRO, DEO witness 9 Kenneth Jennings set out four reasons for DEO's decision to withdraw from MISO and join PJM.<sup>21</sup> In addition to discussing how joining PJM would eliminate the "tying" of 10 11 jointly owned generating units between MISO and PJM, and that DEO's joining PJM would mean the PUCO would only need to monitor PJM RTO rules,<sup>22</sup> Mr. Jennings 12 13 raised two issues specifically related to the PJM capacity market. 14 PJM's forward-looking capacity market provides a useful tool for utilities 15 and suppliers in determining pricing going forward and offers a measure 16 of predictability for resource planning. Finally, as explained by Duke 17 Energy Ohio witness Julia S. Janson, competition has arrived and is

18 working in Duke Energy Ohio's service territory. The PJM market is a
19 better fit for competitive retail electric markets for the reasons I already
20 described, and those below regarding membership of other utilities and
21 forward-looking capacity markets with prices determined through
22 transparent auctions.<sup>23</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio for Approval of a Market Rate Offer to Conduct a Competitive Bidding Process for Standard Service Offer Electric Generation Supply, Accounting Modifications, and Tariffs for Generation Service, Case No. 10-2586-EL-SSO, Direct Testimony of Kenneth J. Jennings, November 15, 2010 ("Jennings 2010 Direct").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Jennings Direct, p. 7, line 11 – p. 8, line 10.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> *Id.*, p. 8, lines 11-19.

## 1Q.DID MR. JENNINGS INDICATE THE CAPACITY PRICE DEO WOULD2CHARGE UNDER ITS FRR OBLIGATION?

3	А.	Yes. In his testimony, Mr. Jennings stated:
4		Duke Energy Ohio, as FERC has approved, will serve all load at the RPM
5		Price, as provided for in Section D.8 of Schedule 8.1, except for, of
6		course, those alternative retail load serving entities that choose to self
7		supply. To be consistent with the capacity price paid by other load within
8		the PJM region, the price paid by wholesale load under the Out of Time
9		FRR plan will be the Final Zonal Capacity Price for unconstrained
10		portions of the PJM region. <sup>24</sup>
11		Mr. Jennings's testimony is quite clear that DEO intended to charge its customers the
12		RPM market price for capacity. Moreover, the 2011 Stipulation reflects that fact. Now,
13		however, DEO seeks to collect from all of its customers, both those who shop and those
14		who take SSO service, an above-market, embedded cost-based capacity price by accruing
15		\$729 million in additional monies for its capacity in a regulatory asset, and then
16		collecting that amount from all customers through a nonbypassable charge.
17 18	Q.	WHY ARE MR. JENNINGS'S STATEMENTS FROM NOVEMBER 2010 RELEVANT TODAY?
19	А.	From an economic perspective, Mr. Jennings's (and DEO's) position in
20		November 2010 and the 2011 Stipulation almost one year later provided a clear economic
21		signal to CRES providers. As a FRR entity, DEO was clearly affirming it would provide
22		all capacity required, including capacity required by CRES providers, at the PJM RPM
23		market price. CRES providers would therefore have no economic incentive to opt-out
24		and obtain their own capacity supplies in the PJM market.

Id., p. 15, lines 10-15 (emphasis added).

1		Now, DEO wishes to recover its full embedded capacity cost for capacity by
2		establishing a regulatory asset. Although DEO argues doing so will have no impact on
3		retail competition, <sup>25</sup> this is untrue. There are two reasons for this. First, the additional
4		generation revenues DEO is requesting could provide a cross-subsidy to DEO's retail
5		affiliate, which can then undercut other CRES providers. Second, the additional revenues
6		will enhance the economic value of generating assets when DEO structurally separates its
7		generating assets by the end of 2014. An analogy is obtaining a mortgage on a "fixer-
8		upper" home. Collecting the additional revenues allows DEO to improve the "fixed-
9		upper" nature of its legacy generating assets, which will then have greater market value
10		when transferred to the new Genco, just like a repaired "fixer-upper" home. The capacity
11		charge subsidizes the future Genco's provision of competitive retail electric service.
12 13		A. <u>With the Proposed New Capacity Charge, the DEO ESP fails the "Better in</u> <u>the Aggregate Test."</u>
14 15	Q.	HAS DEO PROVIDED AN UPDATED "BETTER IN THE AGGREGATE" TEST AS PART OF ITS TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING?
16	A.	No. This is an important omission, because DEO is proposing to unilaterally
17		change its ESP by creating a new Rider DR-CO that will create a regulatory asset
18		associated with its embedded capacity costs. Because DEO has proposed to change the
19		terms of the 2011 Stipulation through the addition of this new rider, it is reasonable to
20		assume the company should provide an updated ESP v. MRO test.

#### 21 Q. HOW WILL THIS NEW RIDER AFFECT THE ESP V. MRO TEST?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Trent Direct, pp. 26-27.

2 be added to the ESP side of the test ledger. BUT SHOULDN'T THAT COST ALSO BE ADDED TO THE MRO SIDE OF 3 **Q**. THE TEST, TOO? 4 5 No. The MRO is supposed to reflect the market alternative. Therefore, the MRO A. 6 should reflect the same costs as its MRO did in DEO witness Wathen's 2011 Supplemental testimony<sup>26</sup> in support of the Stipulation, because the equivalent MRO is 7 8 not changing. DID MR. WATHEN INCLUDE THE \$330 MILLION IN ESSC REVENUES ON 9 Q. 10 THE MRO SIDE OF THE TEST? 11 A. No. In support of the 2011 Stipulation, DEO witness Wathen prepared an ESP v. 12 MRO test (previously attached as Exhibit JAL-3). In that test, Mr. Wathen correctly 13 included the ESSC charges on the ESP side of the test, but not on the MRO side. 14 It makes no sense to include the \$330 million in revenues DEO will collect under

The new rider will add \$729 million in deferred costs to the ESP. Thus, it should

- 15 the ESSC to maintain DEO's financial integrity on the ESP side with no offsetting cost
- 16 under the MRO, while not using the same treatment for the \$729 million in additional
- 17 costs DEO now claims it needs to maintain the company's financial integrity when, as I
- 18 discussed previously, DEO's claimed purpose of the new regulatory asset is exactly the
- 19 same as that for the ESSC.
- 20 If DEO wished to modify the existing ESSC to collect an additional \$729 million
- 21 needed to maintain its financial integrity, then those costs clearly would be excluded from

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Wathen 2011 Supplemental, Attachment WDW Supp-1.

1	the MRO side of the "better in the aggregate" test because those costs are above market,
2	by definition. Moreover, it would be disingenuous for DEO, having justified the
3	stipulated ESP based on its own ESP v. MRO test, to now claim the test is unaffected
4	because the above-market capacity costs should be reflected on both the ESP and MRO
5	sides of the test.

# 6 Q. IN THE AEP OHIO ESP CASE NO. 11-346-EL-SSO, WAS AEP OHIO'S 7 RETAIL STABILITY RIDER INCORPORATED ON THE MRO SIDE OF 8 THE ESP V. MRO TEST?

9 A. No. In Case No. 11-346-EL-SSO, the PUCO determined that the costs of AEP
10 Ohio's "Retail Stability Rider" ("RSR"), which is functionally equivalent to DEO's
11 existing ESSC, were to be included on the ESP side of the ESP v. MRO test comparison
12 with no offsetting cost under the MRO.<sup>27</sup> DEO testifies that the increase in the capacity
13 charge is for the same purpose as its existing ESSC: to preserve the financial integrity of
14 the company. As such, it is proper to exclude the higher capacity costs from the MRO
15 side of the ESP v. MRO test.

# 16 Q. HAVE YOU PREPARED AN UPDATED ESP V. MRO TEST INCORPORATING 17 DEO'S PROPOSED \$729 MILLION REGULATORY ASSET CHARGE FOR 18 FINANCIAL INTEGRITY?

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A. Yes. Table 8 reproduces Exhibit WDW Supp-1, adding in the \$729,122,082 of

20 additional costs DEO proposes to collect (line 6') on a per-MWh basis. As Table 8

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> In the Matter of the Application of Columbus Southern Power Company and Ohio Power Company for Authority to Establish a Standard Service Offer Pursuant to §4928.143, Ohio Rev. Code, in the Form of an Electric Security Plan, Case No. 11-346-EL-SSO, et al., Opinion and Order, August 8, 2012 ("AEP SSO Order"), p. 75.

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over the term of the ESP.

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#### Table 8: Revised ESP v. MRO Test

shows, the proposed regulatory asset adds on average, over \$10/MWh to the ESP charge

Duke Ene	ergy Ohio				
Present	/alue Benefit of ESP Compared to MRO <sup>(a)</sup>				
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Line		Jan '12-Dec '12	Jan '13-Dec '13	Jan '14-Dec '14	Jan '15-May '15
	Price Forecasts				
1	Projected Legacy ESP Price <sup>(b)</sup>	\$79.19	\$74.45	\$76.22	\$75.44
2	Projected Retail Market Price <sup>(c)</sup>	\$61.38	\$66.31	\$78.65	\$89.00
3	MRO Blend % (of Market Price)	10%	20%	30%	40%
4	MRO Price Blended Rate (\$/MWh)	\$77.41	\$72.82	\$76.95	\$80.86
5	Projected Retail Market Price (Line 2)	\$61.38	\$66.31	\$78.65	00.982
6	Electric Security Stabilitization Charge <sup>(d)</sup>	5 37	5 29	5 19	
6'	Additional Proposed Capacity Revenues**	\$6.07	\$14.02	\$10.98	\$9.31
7	Updated Proposed SSO Price in ESP	\$72.82	\$85.62	\$94.83	\$98.31
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	Revenue Comparison (MRO v. ESP)				
8	Total Revenue at MRO Rate	\$1,584,804,517	\$1,515,400,007	\$1,629,570,849	\$700,610,416
9	Total Revenue at ESP Rates				
10	All kWh at Average ESP Rate	\$1,490,831,855	\$1,781,684,437	\$2,008,226,098	\$851,765,726
11	Less: Discount for PIPP Load (see workpaper) (e)	(1,034,686)	(1,175,033)	(1,458,150)	(556,176)
12	Updated Total Revenue at ESP Rates	\$1,489,797,169	\$1,780,509,404	\$2,006,767,948	\$851,209,550
	Other Benefits of ESP (Per Stipulation)				
13	Economic Development	\$1,150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
14	Weatherization/Fuel Fund	1,700,000	-	-	-
15	Total Other Quantifiable Unconditional Benefits	\$2,850,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
16	Present Value <sup>(g)</sup> of MRO Revenue	\$4,586,339,265			
17	Updated Present Value <sup>(g)</sup> of ESP Revenue	\$5,134,835,903			
18	Net Benefit of ESP to Customers (ESP v. MRO)	(\$548,496,638)			
	Other Assumptions				
19	Projected Total Retail Sales (MWh) <sup>(h)</sup>	20,473,777	20,810,354	21,177,162	8,664,268
20	Projected Total PIPP Sales (MWh) <sup>(I)</sup>	297,409	302,298	307,627	125,860
Notes:	** Source: Wathen Attachment WDW-1				
	All other assumptions per WDW Supp-1, October 28,	2012			

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The result is that the present value cost of the ESP over the 41-month period is \$548.5

million larger than the present value of the corresponding MRO. Thus, DEO's proposal

to collect an additional \$729 million to support the "financial integrity" of its legacy
 generating assets results in failure of the ESP v. MRO test.

# Q. WHAT ARE THE RESULTS OF THE ESP V. MRO TEST WITH ALL OF THE MODIFICATIONS YOU PRESENTED IN THE PREVIOUS SECTION OF YOUR TESTIMONY?

- 6 A. The results of the ESP v. MRO test with my modifications are shown in Table 9.
- 7 As Table 9 shows, with modifications made to reflect a revenue requirement of
- 8 \$124,455,400, the ESP has a present value cost that is \$43.9 million larger than the MRO.
- 9 Thus, even with the modifications to Mr. Wathen's capacity cost estimates, DEO's
- 10 proposal still fails the ESP v. MRO test.

Table 9: ESP v. MRO Test Resul	ts After	Modifications	to \	Wathen	Costs
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Duke En	ergy Ohio				
Present	Value Benefit of ESP Compared to MRO <sup>(a)</sup>				
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Line		Jan '12-Dec '12	Jan '13-Dec '13	Jan '14-Dec '14	Jan '15-May '15
	Dulas Formanda				
		670.40	674.45	67C 00	675.44
1	Projected Legacy ESP Price (c)	\$79.19	\$74.45	\$76.22	\$75.44
2	Projected Retail Market Price (*)	\$61.38	\$66.31	\$78.65	\$89.00
3	MPO Bland % (of Market Price)	10%	20%	30%	10%
3	MRO Brice Blended Rate (\$/MW/b)	\$77.41	\$72.82	\$76.95	\$20.86
4		Ş77.41	\$72.02	\$70.55	500.00
5	Projected Retail Market Price (Line 2)	\$61.38	\$66.31	\$78.65	\$89.00
6	Electric Security Stabilitization Charge <sup>(d)</sup>	5.37	5.29	5.19	-
6'	Additional Proposed Capacity Revenues**	\$0.50	\$4.19	\$1.27	\$0.00
7	Updated Proposed SSO Price in ESP	\$67.25	\$75.79	\$85.12	\$89.00
	Revenue Comparison (MRO v. ESP)				
8	Total Revenue at MRO Rate	\$1,584,804,517	\$1,515,400,007	\$1,629,570,849	\$700,610,416
9	Total Revenue at ESP Rates				
10	All kWh at Average ESP Rate	\$1,376,955,999	\$1,577,115,531	\$1,802,650,052	\$771,119,852
11	Less: Discount for PIPP Load (see workpaper) (e)	(1,034,686)	(1,175,033)	(1,458,150)	(556,176)
12	Updated Total Revenue at ESP Rates	\$1,375,921,313	\$1,575,940,498	\$1,801,191,902	\$770,563,676
	Other Benefits of ESP (Per Stipulation) (f)				
13	Economic Development	\$1,150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
14	Weatherization/Fuel Fund	1,700,000	-	-	-
15	Total Other Quantifiable Unconditional Benefits	\$2,850,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
16	Present Value <sup>(g)</sup> of MRO Revenue	\$4,586,339,265			
17	Updated Present Value <sup>(g)</sup> of ESP Revenue	\$4.630.223.357			
18	Net Benefit of ESP to Customers (ESP v. MRO)	(\$43,884,091)			
	Other Assumptions				
19	Projected Total Retail Sales (MWh) <sup>(h)</sup>	20,473,777	20,810,354	21,177,162	8,664,268
20	Projected Total PIPP Sales (MWh) <sup>(i)</sup>	297,409	302,298	307,627	125,860
Notes:	** Source: FES Witness Lesser				
	All other assumptions per WDW Supp-1, October 28, 20	)12			
# V. BECAUSE DEO PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO FOREGO COLLECTION OF STRANDED COSTS AND TO RECOVER ITS GENERATION COSTS IN THE COMPETITIVE MARKETS, IT SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO COLLECT ABOVE-MARKET CAPACITY COSTS.

### 5 Q. WHAT ARE STRANDED COSTS AND WHY ARE THEY RELEVANT TO 6 DUKE ENERGY OHIO'S CAPACITY COST ESTIMATE?

7 A. Stranded costs are defined as the difference between the market value of an asset 8 and its net undepreciated book value. For example, if a generating unit's market value is 9 estimated at \$500 million and its net book value is \$600 million, then the unit has 10 stranded costs of \$100 million. Stranded costs are relevant to the capacity charge DEO 11 proposes to charge all customers for two reasons. Stranded costs hinge on the net 12 undepreciated book value of generating plant-in-service ("GPIS"). If the market value of 13 a generating asset is greater than its net GPIS, then there are no stranded costs associated 14 with that asset. Second, because, as discussed below, Revised Code Section 15 4928.01(A)(28) defined the starting date of competitive retail electric service as January 16 1, 2001, all generating plant investment subsequent to that date must be recovered from 17 the market, rather than in cost-based rates. Thus, the only legitimate embedded capacity 18 costs DEO could have recovered as stranded costs through a cost-based charge were 19 those costs related to generating plant that was in service prior to the start of competitive 20 retail service.

### Q. WHY IS THE DATE OF JANUARY 1, 2001 RELEVANT TO DEO'S PROPOSAL TO USE ABOVE-MARKET CAPACITY PRICES?

A. S.B. 3 unbundled retail electric generation service from distribution and
 transmission service beginning January 1, 2001. When Ohio enacted S.B. 3, each electric
 utility was given an opportunity during a transition period to recover any previously-sunk

1	costs in their generating facilities (i.e., costs incurred prior to the transition date of
2	January 1, 2001) that would be uneconomic in competitive markets. <sup>28</sup> By definition, a
3	utility could not incur stranded generation costs for investments made after the transition
4	date, because all such generation investments would be recovered in the market.
5	Because S.B. 3 provided a clear demarcation date between pre-transition and
6	post-transition generation costs, any cost-based capacity charges levied by DEO could
7	apply only to generating plant that was in-service on or before December 31, 2000, the
8	day before the transition date of January 1, 2001. However, as part of the stipulation in
9	the Cincinnati Gas & Electric ("CG&E") ETP Proceeding, DEO waived recovery of all
10	stranded generation costs. Thus, DEO's proposal in this proceeding – to recover all of its
11	embedded capacity costs through a regulatory asset using a formula rate approach based
12	on generating plant in service as of December 31, 2011 – is wrong for three reasons.
13	First, the transition period during which DEO was allowed to recover stranded
14	generation costs is long over, and DEO is not entitled to any other cost-based recovery
15	for those Legacy Generating Units.
16	Second, as I demonstrate below, DEO has already recovered all of its stranded
17	generation costs.
18	Third, DEO includes in its capacity charges generating plant investment made by
19	DEO between January 1, 2001 and December 31, 2011 – 11 years' worth of investment
20	that, under S.B. 3, should be recovered only from market-based sales.

#### 21 Q. HOW WERE STRANDED COSTS TO BE RECOVERED?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> In the Matter of the Applications of Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company for Approval of Their Electric Transition Plans and for Receipt of Transition Revenues, Case No. 99-1658-EL-ETP, et al. ("CG&E ETP Proceeding").

1	A.	Stranded cost recovery took two forms, which became known as Generation
2		Transition Costs ("GTCs") and Regulatory Transition Costs ("RTCs"). An electric utility
3		could recover GTCs through a transition charge during the transition period, provided the
4		costs satisfied statutory requirements. <sup>29</sup> At the end of the transition period, which was
5		December 31, 2005, unless modified by the Commission as part of a utility's transition
6		plan, S.B. 3 stated that "the utility shall be fully on its own in the competitive market." <sup>30</sup>
7		Similarly, an electric utility could recover its RTCs both during the transition period and
8		for several years thereafter. For DEO, the transition period for recovering RTCs ended as
9		of December 31, 2010. <sup>31</sup> Notably, amendments to R.C. 4928 in 2008 did <u>not</u> alter or
10		limit these provisions.
11		DEO's ability to recover stranded costs of its generating facilities – meaning, any
12		costs that would not be fully recovered through the competitive market after the transition
13		period – ended over seven years ago for GTCs and over two years ago for RTCs.
14		The transition plan proceeding filed by DEO's predecessor, CG&E, reported that
15		the Ohio jurisdictional share of the net book value of its generating assets, as of
16		December 31, 2000, was approximately \$1.353 billion. <sup>32</sup> And, in its transition plan

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> R.C. 4928.39 provided for recovery of "just and reasonable transition costs of the utility, which costs the commission finds meet all of the following criteria:

- (C) The costs are unrecoverable in a competitive market.
- (D) The utility would otherwise be entitled an opportunity to recover the costs."
- <sup>30</sup> R.C. 4928.38.

<sup>(</sup>A) The costs were prudently incurred.

<sup>(</sup>B) The costs are legitimate, net, verifiable, and directly assignable or allocable to retail electric generation service provided to electric consumers in this state.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> CG&E ETP Proceeding, Opinion and Order, August 31, 2000, at 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> CG&E ETP Proceeding, Direct Testimony of John P. Steffen on Behalf of Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company, December 28, 1999, ("Steffen Direct"), Exhibit JPS-6, page 3. Mr. Steffen's exhibit shows an Ohio jurisdictional share value of 85.328%, which I have used in my analysis, as described below.

15 16	Q.	HAS THE NET BOOK VALUE OF DEO'S LEGACY GENERATING UNITS DECREASED SINCE THE ETP PROCEEDING?
14		through a nonbypassable regulatory asset or any other means.
1.3		through a nonhermonophile regulatory exact or even there were the
13		provision for recovering its legacy generating capacity's above-market embedded costs
12		CRES providers the PJM RPM market price for capacity and did not include any
11		that same commitment as part of the 2011 Stipulation, which called for DEO to charge
10		costs (as well as its variable costs) in the competitive market. Moreover, DEO reaffirmed
9		December 31, 2010. Thus, CG&E, and hence, DEO, had committed to recover its sunk
8		CG&E also agreed that its opportunity to recover RTCs would end no later than
7		equivalent revenues through any mechanism other than competitive market pricing. <sup>36</sup>
6		recovery of the \$563 million of stranded generation costs through GTCs or other
5		As part of the stipulation approved by the PUCO in that case, CG&E waived all
4		generation-related regulatory assets. <sup>35</sup>
3		those two units at \$563 million. <sup>34</sup> CG&E also requested recovery of \$364 million of
2		generating plants – Woodsdale and Zimmer. <sup>33</sup> CG&E estimated the stranded costs of
1		application, CG&E requested recovery of stranded generating costs from only two

A. Yes. Ignoring the capital additions DEO has made to those units after the starting
date of competitive retail electric service as January 1, 2001, which must be recovered in
the market, the remaining undepreciated book value of the Legacy Generating Units has
decreased over the ensuing 11 years.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> CG&E ETP Proceeding, Application, December 28, 1999, p. 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> *Id.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> *Id.* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> CG&E ETP Proceeding, Opinion and Order, August 31, 2000, at 5.

#### Q. WHY IS THIS RELEVANT?

A. Because stranded generation costs are defined as the difference between the
market value of an asset (i.e., the net present value of future generation plant cash flows)
and net undepreciated book value, these additional depreciation accruals represent a
reduction in the initial estimates of DEO's Legacy Generation Unit's stranded generation
costs. In other words, because the remaining undepreciated book value of pre-2001
generation plant investment necessarily decreases over time, so have any stranded costs.

8 Q. HOW DID YOU DETERMINE THE AMOUNT BY WHICH THE NET BOOK
9 VALUE OF DEO'S LEGACY GENERATING UNITS DECREASED BETWEEN
10 JANUARY 1, 2001 AND DECEMBER 31, 2011?

11 I began with the filings made by CG&E witnesses Steffen in the CG&E ETP A. 12 Proceeding, using his estimate of the Ohio jurisdictional share of the net book value of 13 CG&E's generating plants as of December 31, 2000. That value was \$1,352,796,795. Next, I compared the list of generating plants for which Mr. Steffen had estimated net 14 15 book value and eliminated the Woodsdale GT units 1-6, and the East Bend 2 coal-fired 16 unit, which are not part of the legacy generating units. I subtracted Mr. Steffen's net 17 book value estimates for these generating plants from his total, leaving a net GPIS value 18 of \$1,126,004,456, as of December 31, 2000. 19 Next, I used the annual depreciation amounts for the Legacy Generating Units. 20 Specifically, using Mr. Steffen's data, I calculated the annual depreciation of the 21 generating plants for the year 2000, removed the annual depreciation amounts for the

- Woodsdale and East Bend units, and multiplied the remaining value by 85.328%, the
- 23 Ohio jurisdictional percentage shown in Mr. Steffen's testimony. The resulting annual

- depreciation amount equals \$65,926,479. I then calculated the net book value of these
  units by applying the annual depreciation amount for the 12-year period, December 31,
  2000 December 31, 2012. This reduces the net undepreciated GPIS by \$791,120,988 as
  shown in Table 10, line [7]. The resulting net undepreciated GPIS value for DEO's
  Legacy Generating Units is \$334,883,468, as shown in Table 10, line [6].
  Table 10: Reduction in Net Undepreciated GPIS of Legacy Generating Units

Table 10: Reduction in Net Undepreciated GPIS of Legacy Generating Units
Since 12/31/2000

Line No.	. Item		Amount
[1]	Gross GPIS, 12/31/2000	\$	3,182,265,156
[2]	Net GPIS, 12/31/2000	\$	1,352,796,796
[3]	Less Net GPIS, Woodsdale Units 1-6, Eastbend Unit 2	\$	226,792,340
[4]	Net Ohio Jurisdictional Legacy Units, 12/31/2000	\$	1,126,004,456
[5]	Annual Depreciation, Ohio Jurisdiction Legacy Units, Year 2000	\$	65,926,749
[6]	Net GPIS, December 31, 2012	\$	334,883,468
[7]	Reduction in Net GPIS, 1/1/2001-12/31/2012	\$	791,120,988
NOTES:			
[1]	Source: CG&E ETP Application, Exhibit JPS-6, page 3		
[2]	Source: CG&E ETP Application, Exhibit JPS-6, page 3		
[3]	Source: CG&E ETP Application, Exhibit JPS-6, page 3		
[4]	Equals [2]-[3]		
[5]	Source: CG&E ETP Application, Exhibit JPS-6, page 2-3 and author	r cacu	ulation
[6]	Equals [4]-12*[5]		
[7]	Equals [6]-[4]		
2012,	Thus, over the 12-year period between December 31, 200 DEO accrued \$791 million of additional depreciation exper-	0 an nses	d December 31, related to its
Legac	y Generating Units (ignoring all subsequent capital addition	ns th	hat would further a
to the	overall depreciation accrual). That \$791 million in addition	nal a	accrued depreciation
repres	ents a decrease in the stranded costs of the Legacy Generat	ing l	Units.
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## 14Q.HAS DEO RECOVERED ALL OF ITS STRANDED GENERATION-RELATED15COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ITS LEGACY GENERATING UNITS?

- 1A.Yes. Although DEO initially requested recovery of \$563 million of stranded2costs only for the Woodsdale and Zimmer generating plants, using CG&E witness3Steffen's data, and the market values of CG&E's generating plants, as estimated by4CG&E witness Pifer,<sup>37</sup> I estimate that the stranded costs associated with all of DEO's5Legacy Generating Units were \$396.94 million on 12/31/2000, as shown in Table 11.

Table 11. DFO Legacy	Generating Units	Stranded Costs	12/31/2000
Table II. DEO Legacy	Generating Units	, Sil anucu Cosis,	12/31/2000

Line No.	ltem	Amount (1000\$)
[1]	Market Value of CG&E Units, 12/31/2000	\$1,074,365
[2]	Less Mkt. Value of East Bend and Woodsdale Units, 12/31/2000	<u>\$219,943</u>
[3]	Net Market Value of "Legacy" Units	\$854,422
[4]	Ohio Jurisdiction Share Percentage	85.328%
[5]	Net Ohio Jurisdiction Market Value of "Legacy" Units	\$729,061
[6]	Net Undepreciated GPIS of Legacy Units, 12/31/2000	\$1,126,004
[7]	12/31/2000 Stranded Cost of Ohio Jurisdiction "Legacy" Units:	\$396,943
Notes:		
[1]	Source: Pifer, Exhibit HWP-5 WP.	
[2]	Source: Pifer, Exhibit HWP-5 WP.	
[3]	Equals [1] - [2].	
[4]	Source: Steffen, Exhibit JFS-6.	
[5]	Equals [3] x [4].	1
[6]	Source: Steffen, Exhibit JFS-6, page 3.	
[7]	Equals [6] - [5].	-
Based o	n an overall estimate of \$396.94 million of stranded gener	ating costs as of
Decemb	per 31, 2000, and a reduction in depreciated value over the	ensuing 12-year per
of \$791	.12 million, DEO has long recovered all stranded costs fro	m its Legacy
Generat	ing Units. Thus, it is appropriate for DEO to recover the r	emaining costs of th
Legacy	Generating Units only through competitive markets, based	l on market prices.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> CG&E ETP Proceeding, Direct Testimony of Howard W. Pifer on Behalf of Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company, December 28, 1999 ("Pifer Direct"), Exhibit HWP-5, WP, p. 1.

## Q. WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF YOUR CONCLUSION THAT DEO HAS RECOVERED ALL OF THE STRANDED GENERATION COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ITS LEGACY GENERATING UNITS?

4 In addition to the fact that DEO waived, and is thus not entitled to receive, any A. 5 additional recovery of stranded generating costs, DEO has no basis for charging all 6 customers an above-market price for capacity, or including an above-market price for 7 capacity in its Competitive Benchmark Price, because DEO has recovered all of its 8 stranded generation costs. Requiring all customers, including those who wish to purchase 9 electricity from CRES providers, to pay DEO for all of its above-market capacity costs 10 through creation of a regulatory asset and subsequent, nonbypassable charge, is not only 11 contrary to Ohio's policy that those costs be at market, but will inappropriately result in 12 double recovery of those costs.

### Q. WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER THE TREATMENT OF STRANDED COSTS?

15 A. By allowing utilities that should be structurally separated and be fully on their 16 own in the competitive market, as envisioned under S.B. 3 and in R.C. 4928.38, to 17 continue to be subsidized by all ratepayers, including those who wish to take service from 18 CRES providers, the PUCO stifles electric competition and defeats one of the key 19 purposes of restructuring: to create competitive markets in which generation owners have 20 strong financial incentives to improve their operating efficiency, reduce costs, and make 21 more informed economic decisions about their generating facilities. 22 In requesting a \$729 million regulatory asset, on top of the \$330 million the 23 company is allowed to collect through the ESSC, DEO is simply taking over \$1 billion 24 from ratepayers to subsidize its generating assets today, so it can then compete against

1	unsubsidized generators beginning in 2015. One wonders, however, if market conditions
2	do not sufficiently improve in the next two years, whether DEO will apply to the PUCO
3	for even more subsidies. Market competition cannot exist under such circumstances.
4	Ultimately, Ohio ratepayers will pay higher costs for electricity and the Ohio economy
5	will be harmed.

### 6 Q. DID DEO MAKE INVESTMENTS TO ITS LEGACY GENERATING ASSETS 7 AFTER COMPETITION WAS UNDERWAY?

- 8 A. Yes. This is relevant to the balance sheet prepared by DEO witness Savoy in his 9 Attachment BDS-2. Specifically, as discussed in the response to Interrogatory FES-2-15 10 and FES-2-16 (attached as Confidential Exhibit JAL-6), Mr. Savoy states he based his 11 allocation of long-term debt to the legacy generating assets of [**BEGIN**
- 12 **CONFIDENTIAL** [END CONFIDENTIAL] on the pollution control

13 bonds outstanding. However, as shown in the response to Interrogatory FES-2-21

- (attached as Confidential Exhibit JAL-7), the total outstanding amount of pollution
   control bonds is just \$402 million.<sup>38</sup>
- 16 In addition, the attachment to FES-2-48 (attached as Exhibit JAL-8) shows that, in
- 17 the four-year period from 2009 to 2012, DEO spent over [**BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL**]
- 18 [END CONFIDENTIAL] on capital investments not related to pollution
   19 controls for the legacy generating plants. Again, there is no basis for allowing DEO to
   20 recover of these costs when the facilities were being operated as competitive power
   21 plants.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> The individual pollution control bonds listed in the response to Interrogatory FES-2-21 are also shown on pp. 256-257 of the DEO 2011 FERC Form-1 report (attached as Exhibit JAL-9).

#### Q. WHY DOES THE AMOUNT OF POLLUTION-CONTROL DEBT MATTER?

2 The discrepancy between the amount of long-term debt Mr. Savoy has attributed A. 3 to the legacy generating assets, based on the methodology described in his response to Interrogatories FES-2-15 and 2-16, affects Attachments BDS-1 and BDS-2. Specifically, 4 5 the "interest expense" amount on line 18 of Attachment BDS-1 must be reduced to 6 account for the smaller amount of debt. As a result, I estimate the total interest expense 7 over the 34-month period calculated by Mr. Savoy on line 18 of Attachment BDS-1 of **(BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL)** 8 **END** 9 **CONFIDENTIAL**] a decrease of \$34,723,241

### 10 Q. ARE THERE ANY OTHER REASONS WHY THE AMOUNT OF POLLUTION 11 CONTROL BOND ISSUANCES MATTERS?

12 A. Yes. Only two of the pollution control bond issuances, Ohio Air Quality 13 Development 1995 Series A and 1995 Series B, were issued prior to passage of S.B. 3, 14 which restructured the Ohio electric industry. These two bonds have a total face value of 15 \$84 million, as shown on p. 256 of the DEO FERC Form-1 report. All of the \$318 16 million of remaining pollution control bonds were issued after the advent of electric 17 restructuring, when DEO knew it was required to structurally separate its generating 18 assets from the regulated (called the U.S. Franchise Electric & Gas, or "USF&G") 19 business. DEO made those investments with full knowledge that its legacy generating 20 assets were to be structurally separated and after it had waived recovery of stranded 21 generation costs. As a result, there is no economic basis for DEO to now claim that debt 22 incurred to upgrade its legacy generating assets after restructuring should be guaranteed 23 recovery through full recovery of those assets' embedded costs.

## VI. DEO RATEPAYERS SHOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO SUBSIDIZE DEO'S GENERATING ASSETS TO MAINTAIN THOSE ASSETS' "FINANCIAL INTEGRITY"

#### 4 Q. HOW DO YOU DEFINE "FINANCIAL INTEGRITY?"

- 5 A. I define "financial integrity" as a company's ability to remain a "going concern."
- 6 In other words, "financial integrity" means a company can meet its operating expenses,
- 7 service its debt, be able to make needed capital investments and provide investors with an
- 8 expected return that is comparable to the returns earned by firms facing comparable
- 9 business and financial risks. This is how the U.S. Supreme Court defined financial
- 10 integrity in its well-known *Hope Natural Gas* decision.<sup>39</sup>

## Q. IN EVALUATING A COMPANY'S RETURN AND DETERMINING WHETHER IT MEETS THE "COMPARABLE RISK" REQUIREMENT OF HOPE, ARE THE RETURNS ON EACH INDIVIDUAL CAPITAL ASSET CALCULATED?

14 A. No. The analysis is done on an overall company basis. For example, DEO

- 15 witness Vander Weide uses a discounted cash flow ("DCF") model to estimate projected
- 16 equity returns of electric utilities and natural gas pipelines. He does not estimate a "risk-
- 17 comparable" return on equity for individual assets or even specific business units.

## 18 Q. IN DISCUSSING THE CONSEQUENCES OF DENYING THE COMPANY ITS 19 REQUESTED CAPACITY CHARGE REGULATORY ASSET, DOES DEO 20 WITNESS TRENT ADDRESS DEO'S FINANCIAL INTEGRITY?<sup>40</sup>

- A. No. First, Mr. Trent incorrectly implies DEO as a company will be forced to
- 22 operate at a financial loss. As I discuss below, that is simply untrue. Second, Mr. Trent

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> *Federal Power Comm'n. v Hope Natural Gas Co.*, 320 U.S. 591 (1944) (*"Hope Natural Gas"*). "The return to the equity owner ... should be sufficient to assure confidence in the financial integrity of the enterprise, so as to maintain its credit and to attract capital." *Id.* at 603.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> Trent Direct, pp. 21-25.

1	states that "the meaningful work that Duke Energy Ohio has done with regard to
2	economic development and charitable contributions would need to be revisited."41
3	Ironically, Mr. Trent also testifies that, "Access to low-cost, reliable power is a critical
4	factor in a company's decision about where to locate its facilities." <sup>42</sup> Apparently, Mr.
5	Trent believes that forcing businesses who wish to locate in DEO's service territory to
6	pay higher electric costs because of the proposed nonbypassable charge that recover \$729
7	million will enhance such businesses' access to "low-cost reliable power."

## 8 Q. IS A DECREASE IN CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AND WORK ON 9 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS EQUIVALENT TO A LOSS OF 10 FINANCIAL INTEGRITY?

11 A. No.

## 12 Q. DOES IT MAKE SENSE TO ESTIMATE A RISK-COMPARABLE RETURN 13 FOR AN INDIVIDUAL ASSET?

14A.No. A firm's shareholders are concerned with overall return, based on all of the15firm's business and financial risks, not the return on individual assets. For example, it16makes little sense to ask, "What should be the return on DEO's bucket trucks?" or "What17should be the return on a particular substation?" Yet, DEO witness Savoy's pro forma18analysis shown in Attachments BDS-1 and BDS-2, and the resulting legacy generating19asset equity returns shown in his Attachment BDS-3, does just this. He prepared a pro20forma Income Statement and Balance Sheet for the legacy generating assets. This allows

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> *Id.*, p. 25, lines 8-9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> *Id.*, p. 22, lines 15-16.

- 1 him, and DEO, to present a biased picture of the company's overall financial health, 2 which is what is most at issue. HAVE YOU REVIEWED DEO'S OVERALL INCOME STATEMENT AND 3 Q. 4 **BALANCE SHEET?** 5 Yes. I have reviewed Duke Energy Corporation's 2012 10-K report, which was A. 6 filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on February 28, 2013, and provides statements of operations and comprehensive income, consolidated balance 7 8 sheets, and statements of cash flows for each of its operating subsidiaries, including 9 DEO. These are attached as JAL-10. In addition, I have reviewed the Business Segment 10 data for the company, also reported in the 2012 10-K report, which is attached as Exhibit 11 JAL-11. 12 Q. HOW HAS DEO'S OVERALL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME CHANGED SINCE 13 2010? 14 As shown on page 1 of Exhibit JAL-10, DEO had a comprehensive loss of \$434 A. 15 million in 2010, comprehensive income of \$188 million in 2011, and comprehensive income of \$202 million in 2012. The return on book equity for all of DEO in 2012 was 16 17 3.9%, an increase from the 2011 return on book equity of 3.6% and a negative return of -7.9% in 2010.<sup>43</sup> Moreover, the DEO statement of cash flows indicates that operating 18 19 activities provided \$444 million in cash in 2012. Thus, in DEO's first year as a member 20 of PJM, its financial performance improved over the previous two years, when the
- 21 company was part of MISO.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>43</sup> The negative return was the result of an \$837 million impairment charge taken by DEO in 2010. Otherwise, DEO's comprehensive net income in that year would have been \$403 million and its book return on equity would have been 7.4%.

#### Q. WHAT ARE DEO'S REPORTING BUSINESS SEGMENTS?

A. According to the 2012 10-K, DEO has two reportable operating segments:
Franchised Electric and Gas, and Commercial Power. The legacy generating units fall
under the Commercial Power segment. The legacy generating units are not a separate
reporting business segment.

#### 6 Q. DID THE COMMERCIAL POWER SEGMENT SUFFER A NET LOSS IN 2012?

A. No. In 2012, net income before income taxes (EBIT) for the Commercial Power
segment was \$75 million. This was slightly less than EBIT in 2011, which was \$84
million. The decrease is attributable, in part, to decreases in wholesale energy and
capacity prices.

#### 11 Q. IS DEO UNABLE TO ACCESS CAPITAL?

A. No. According to the Duke Energy Corporation 2013 Analysts Meeting
presentation, which was provided as part of DEO witness Savoy's deposition, DEO has
access to \$566 million in capital.

## Q. MR. TRENT TESTIFIES THAT PROJECTED EQUITY RETURNS FOR DEO WILL BE BETWEEN -3.6% AND -13.5%?<sup>44</sup> DO YOU AGREE WITH THOSE PROJECTIONS?

- 18 A. No. DEO witness Savoy's Attachment BDS-3 is an estimate (and an incorrect
- and irrelevant one at that, as I discuss below) of the equity returns on DEO's legacy
- 20 generating assets. It is <u>not</u> an estimate for <u>all</u> of DEO, which is the only meaningful basis
- 21 for establishing whether DEO's financial integrity is impaired. The -13.5% return on

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> *Id.*, p. 24, lines 21-23. The equity return values referenced by Mr. Trent are found on line 4 of Attachment BDS-3.

1		equity value is Mr. Savoy's estimate for 2012. Yet, as I discussed above, DEO's overall
2		return on book equity in 2012 was 3.9%. Moreover, as discussed previously, in his
3		deposition Mr. Savoy stated that the company [BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]
4		[END CONFIDENTIAL] in net income on the legacy
5		generating units for both 2013 and 2014.45
6 7	Q.	DOES DEO HAVE AN INVESTMENT-GRADE CREDIT RATING AT THIS TIME?
8	A.	Yes. DEO witness De May provides a summary of the company's different credit
9		ratings by the different ratings agencies. <sup>46</sup> DEO's unsecured debt is rated between
10		"BBB+" and "A-". The company's secured debt is "A" rated.
11 12 13	Q.	ACCORDING TO MR. DE MAY, STANDARD & POOR'S ("S&P") ESTABLISHED A "NEGATIVE" OUTLOOK IN JULY 2012. <sup>47</sup> DOES THAT NEGATIVE OUTLOOK SOLELY APPLY TO DEO?
14	A.	No. As Mr. De May states, that outlook applies to Duke Energy Corporation (the
15		parent company) and all of its subsidiaries, not just DEO. <sup>48</sup> Moreover, both Moody's and
16		Fitch assign "Stable" outlooks to DEO.
17 18 19	Q.	DID S&P CITE DEO'S DETERIORATING "FINANCIAL INTEGRITY" AS THE REASON FOR ITS JULY 2012 RATINGS DOWNGRADE AND "NEGATIVE" OUTLOOK FOR DEO?
20	A.	No. The S&P report, which is attached as Exhibit JAL-12, states:
	45	Savoy Confidential Deposition, 3/15/2013, pp. 153-54.
	46	Application of the Duke Energy Ohio Company for the Establishment of a Charge Pursuant to Revised Code Section 4909.18, Direct Testimony of Stephen G. De May, March 1, 2013 ("De May Direct"), p. 7, line 20
	47	<i>Id.</i> , p. 8, lines 7-9.
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 $^{48} \qquad Id.$ 

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8		The ratings downgrade on Duke Energy and its subsidiaries stems from our view that abrupt leadership changes at the company have heightened regulatory risk in North Carolina and likely in Florida, significantly weakening the company's consolidated "excellent" business risk profile under our criteria. Our assessment of business risk incorporates the impact of the unexpected change in management on the company's regulatory relations (but not the actual change itself) and our view that the company may not be able to realize timely and constructive regulatory outcomes in
9		North Carolina and Florida, two of its largest jurisdictions. <sup>49</sup>
10		This quote clearly states the reason for the downgrade and negative outlook stems from
11		the sudden leadership changes at Duke Energy Corporation last year, and has nothing
12		whatsoever to do with DEO's projected financial performance, let alone the financial
13		performance of DEO's legacy generating units.
14 15	Q.	DOES THE S&P REPORT YOU QUOTE FROM ABOVE DISCUSS HOW THE 2011 STIPULATION AFFECTED DEO'S FINANCIAL POSITION?
16	A.	Yes. The report states, "The new ESP allows Duke Energy Ohio to collect \$330
17		million over three years, which can help support the company's financial profile. As a
18		result, Duke [Energy Ohio] has managed to restore its ability to earn a stable and fair
19		return on the bulk of its Ohio assets at least through 2015." <sup>50</sup> Thus, contrary to DEO
20		witness Trent's assertion regarding the "dire" financial situation faced by DEO, S&P
21		states the company can earn a "stable and fair return on its Ohio assets at least through
22		2015."

## Q. IS AN EXPECTATION THAT DEO WILL EARN A "STABLE AND FAIR RETURN" CONSISTENT WITH A LOSS OF FINANCIAL INTEGRITY?

<sup>50</sup> *Id.*, p. 6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> S&P, "Duke Energy Corp. Rating Lowered To 'BBB+' From 'A-'; Progress Energy Inc. 'BBB+' Rating Affirmed; Outlook Is Negative," July 25, 2012 ("S&P Report"), p. 3.

A. No. A company that is earning a "fair" and, thus, "risk-comparable" return is not
 losing its access to capital and, thus, its financial integrity is not threatened.

# Q. DEO WITNESS SAVOY STATED HE DID NOT KNOW IF ANY RATINGS AGENCY PERSONNEL HAD SEEN HIS PRO FORMA ANALYSIS.<sup>51</sup> IF THE RATINGS AGENCIES WERE AWARE OF HIS ANALYSIS, WOULD THAT CHANGE THEIR OUTLOOK FOR DEO?

- A. I doubt it, given all of the errors in his analysis, which I discuss in the next
  section. Ratings agencies base their ratings on multiple factors and perform their own,
  independent analyses. Moreover, ratings agencies are surely aware of this proceeding,
- 10 and DEO's request for an additional \$729 million, on top of the \$330 million in ESSC
- 11 revenues discussed in the previous quote from the S&P Report. Finally, ratings agencies
- 12 (and investors) are concerned with the financial outlook of DEO as a whole, not just the
- 13 company's legacy generating assets. The S&P Report is quite clear about its view of
- 14 DEO's overall financial stability.

## 15 Q. IS DEO REQUIRED TO OPERATE ITS LEGACY GENERATING ASSETS AT A 16 LOSS WHILE IT REMAINS A FRR ENTITY?

- 17 A. No. DEO can take several steps to improve the economics of its legacy
- 18 generating assets. First, the company can determine whether it can improve the overall
- 19 operating efficiency of the plants and reduce overall O&M costs. In fact, in his
- 20 deposition, Mr. Savoy admitted this.<sup>52</sup> As a result, DEO's February 2013 financial
- 21 forecast projects net income from the legacy generating assets to be **[BEGIN**

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Savoy Confidential Deposition, 3/15/2013, p. 140, lines 1-3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>52</sup> *Id.*, p. 154, lines 11-24.

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 [END CONFIDENTIAL] in 2013 and

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 2014, than what is reflected in his Attachment BDS-1.<sup>53</sup>

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 Second, the company has the option of retiring or even "mothballing" some of its

 4
 legacy generating plants, even those plants DEO jointly owns with AEP Ohio. DEO is

 5
 already retiring the Beckjord units. Furthermore, in his deposition, Mr. Savoy also stated

6 DEO has looked at selling the legacy generating assets.<sup>54</sup>

## Q. AS A FRR ENTITY, IS DEO REQUIRED TO PROVIDE CAPACITY FOR ALL CUSTOMERS IN ITS SERVICE TERRITORY?

- 9 A. Yes. However, the FRR rule does <u>not</u> require the FRR entity to provide that
- 10 capacity solely with its legacy generating assets. In fact, as DEO witness Wathen's work
- 11 paper shows, the company will increase its capacity purchases in the 2013/14 and
- 12 2014/15 PJM planning years to meet its FRR obligation. And, after DEO structurally
- 13 separates its generating resources, DEO will have the option of purchasing all of its FRR
- 14 obligation at market.

## Q. DEO WITNESS TRENT ARGUES THAT DEO'S FRR OBLIGATION IS A "NONCOMPETITIVE, WHOLESALE CAPACITY SERVICE."<sup>55</sup> DOES DEO HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE THAT SERVICE AT "LEAST-COST?"

- 18 A. Yes. In arguing that the provision of FRR capacity is providing a
- 19 "noncompetitive, wholesale" service, DEO witness Trent also testifies that the
- 20 Commission applies "traditional ratemaking principles"<sup>56</sup> to recovery of capacity costs.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>53</sup> *Id.*, p. 153, lines 8-19.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> *Id.*, p. 143, lines 21-22.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> Trent Direct, p. 3, line 20.

## 1Q.ARE LEAST-COST PLANNING AND PRUDENCE ASPECTS OF2"TRADITIONAL RATEMAKING PRINCIPLES?"

3	А.	Yes. Thus, if, as Mr. Trent testifies, the PUCO can (and should) apply traditional
4		ratemaking principles to recovery of capacity costs, then the PUCO can (and should) also
5		evaluate the prudence of the costs incurred by DEO to meet its FRR obligation.
6		Specifically, the PUCO can determine whether DEO is meeting its obligation in a least-
7		cost and prudent manner.
8 9	Q.	IS DEO'S USE OF ITS LEGACY GENERATING ASSETS THE "LEAST-COST" METHOD OF MEETING ITS FRR OBLIGATION?
10	А.	No. DEO admits its legacy generating assets are much more costly than the
11		market price. Mr. Wathen testifies that the embedded cost of DEO's legacy generating
12		assets is \$323.26/MW-day, which is far greater than the average PJM market price.
13		Furthermore, DEO already purchases additional capacity in the market to meet its FRR
14		obligation, and expects to increase those purchases from [BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]
15		[END CONFIDENTIAL] in the current planning year to [BEGIN
16		<b>CONFIDENTIAL</b> [END CONFIDENTIAL] in the 2014/15 planning year.
17		DEO's reliance on its own legacy generating assets to provide FRR capacity is
18		clearly not the least-cost alternative, because DEO assumes it can purchase capacity in
19		the PJM market at a far lower price. Therefore, under traditional ratemaking principles,

- 20 DEO's use of its legacy generating assets is imprudent and the company should not be
- 21 allowed to recover its above-market embedded generation costs.

<sup>56</sup> *Id.*, p. 13, line 16.

#### 1 **Q.**

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#### IS THERE SUFFICIENT CAPACITY IN PJM FOR DEO TO RELY SOLELY ON CAPACITY FROM THE MARKET TO MEET ITS FRR OBLIGATION?

3	А.	Yes. Over 8,100 MW of capacity that was offered into the BRA for the 2013/14
4		planning year did not clear. And, in the 2014/15 planning year, over 10,000 MW of
5		capacity that was offered into the BRA did not clear. <sup>57</sup> Thus, DEO could have relied
6		entirely on capacity that was offered into the RPM and not accepted, which would then
7		have been available to DEO to be purchased bilaterally.
8		A. <u>DEO Witness Savoy's Pro Forma Analysis is Flawed and Unreasonable</u>
9 10 11	Q.	DOES IT MAKE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL SENSE TO PRESENT PRO FORMA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUST FOR THE LEGACY GENERATING ASSETS?
12	А.	No. As DEO's 2012 10-K report shows, Commercial Power is the reporting
13		business segment. That segment has been profitable the last two years. If one accounts
14		for the higher expected net income in 2013 and 2014 that Mr. Savoy discussed in his
15		deposition, <sup>58</sup> as well as the ESSC revenues DEO is receiving, his work papers would
16		show positive EBIT in both years. <sup>59</sup> In other words, the Commercial Power segment
17		would be profitable. Because that business segment would be projected to earn a profit,
18		there is no basis whatsoever for DEO's claim of a lack of financial integrity without the
19		requested new charge.

<sup>59</sup> In his work papers, Mr. Savoy shows EBIT of [BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]

[END CONFIDENTIAL].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> See, PJM, "2014/2015 Base Residual Auction Results," May 13, 2011, p.17, Table 5. (Attached as Exhibit JAL-13).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> Savoy Confidential Deposition, 3/15/2013, p. 153, lines 8-19.

### Q. DOES DEO WITNESS SAVOY INCLUDE IN HIS PRO FORMA ANALYSIS ANY OF THE ESSC REVENUES THE COMPANY IS RECEIVING?

3 No. As I discussed previously regarding Mr. Wathen's embedded cost A. 4 calculations, the \$330 million in ESSC revenues were agreed to in the 2011 Stipulation to 5 preserve DEO's financial integrity. Therefore, those revenues should be netted from any embedded cost calculations. Similarly, Mr. Savoy's pro forma analysis fails to account 6 7 for any ESSC payments related to the legacy generating assets. This is one reason why 8 his pro forma analysis has no probative value. Thus, operating income should be increased by \$110 million in 2012, 2013, and 2014.60 9 10 **O**. IN HIS DEPOSITION, WAS MR. SAVOY ASKED WHY HE DID NOT INCLUDE 11 **THE ESSC REVENUES?** Yes. Mr. Savoy stated, "The ESSC rider, as I understand it, was a charge to add 12 A. 13 stability to the utility for its move to market in January of 2012 and it's not directly tied to our generation assets."<sup>61</sup> 14

#### 15 Q. DO YOU AGREE WITH MR. SAVOY'S UNDERSTANDING?

A. No. Mr. Savoy's understanding is plainly contradicted by DEO witness Wathen's statements in his testimony supporting the 2011 Stipulation,<sup>62</sup> as I discussed previously.
The ESSC revenues were granted to enhance the "financial integrity" of DEO's legacy generating assets. Therefore, the ESSC revenues should be included in Mr. Savoy's pro forma financial statements.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> Although Mr. Savoy's attachment BDS-1 shows only the five-month period, August – December 2012, it is appropriate to include the entire \$110 million of ESSC revenues in the revised net income calculations to reflect the annual return.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> Savoy Deposition, 3/15/2013, p. 74, lines 14-17.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup> Wathen 2011 Supplemental, p. 2, lines 7-11.

1 2 3 4	Q.	DOES DEO WITNESS SAVOY'S PRO FORMA ACCOUNT FOR THE [BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL] [IN] [END CONFIDENTIAL] IN NET INCOME FOR 2013 AND 2014 IN THE FEBRUARY 2013 FINANCIAL FORECAST?
5	A.	No. Thus, his 2013 and 2014 values should be increased commensurately.
6 7 8 9	Q.	DOES DEO WITNESS SAVOY'S PRO FORMA ACCOUNT FOR THE ADDITIONAL CAPACITY REVENUES AND ENERGY MARGINS PROVIDED BY DEO'S NON-LEGACY GENERATING UNITS, INCLUDING HANGING ROCK, WASHINGTON, LEE, AND FAYETTE?
10	А.	No. Moreover, in his deposition, DEO witness Savoy stated that inclusion of
11		these plants in his pro forma would have improved net income. <sup>63</sup>
12 13	Q.	DOES DEO WITNESS SAVOY'S TESTIMONY ACCURATELY REFLECT THE AMOUNT OF LONG-TERM DEBT?
14	А.	No. As I discussed previously, Mr. Savoy stated that he allocated DEO's
15		pollution control bonds to the legacy generating assets for purposes of preparing his pro
16		forma analysis. The total face value of those bonds, as shown on p. 257 of DEO's 2011
17		FERC Form-1 report is \$402 million. Yet, Mr. Savoy somehow allocated [BEGIN
18		CONFIDENTIAL] [END
19		<b>CONFIDENTIAL</b> ], to the legacy generating assets, thus increasing the annual interest
20		expense on his income statement by [BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL]
21		CONFIDENTIAL].

## Q. WHAT IS THE TOTAL IMPACT OF THE ERRORS YOU IDENTIFIED IN MR. SAVOY'S ANALYSIS?

Savoy Confidential Deposition, p. 110, line 1 – p.111, line 3.

1	А.	The results of correcting the multiple errors in Mr. Savoy's analysis are shown in
2		Confidential Exhibit JAL-14, which is a revised Attachment BDS-1. As this exhibit
3		shows, rather than showing a net loss in 2013 and 2014, the legacy generating assets are
4		profitable. And, as can be seen in the revised Attachment BDS-3, which is attached as
5		Confidential Exhibit JAL-15, Mr. Savoy's return on book equity values in each year
6		increase. Because 2012 is only a partial year, the 2012 ROE cannot be known for certain.
7		However, just considering the last 5 months as provided by DEO, the recalculated return
8		on book equity is 0.3%, rather than the -13.5% value shown in Attachment BDS-3. The
9		values in 2013 and 2014 increase to 2.7% and 7.7%, respectively, rather than Mr.
10		Savoy's -9.0% and -5.2% values in 2013 and 2014, respectively.
11 12 13	Q.	DO THE REVISED NET INCOME AND RETURN ON BOOK EQUITY VALUES YOU CALCULATE INDICATE DEO WILL SUFFER A LOSS OF FINANCIAL INTEGRITY?
14	A.	No. The fact that the revised calculations show positive and increasing net
15		income between 2012 and 2014, and positive and increasing returns on book equity
16		means that DEO will continue to have access to capital. There is no reasonable economic
17		or financial basis for concluding otherwise. And, after structural separation takes place,
18		DEO will be a traditionally regulated utility that can file rate cases to ensure it has
19		adequate capitalization.
20 21 22	Q.	WHY DID YOU NOT CALCULATE NET INCOME AND RETURN ON BOOK EQUITY VALUES FOR 2015, AS SHOWN IN MR. SAVOY'S EXHIBITS BDS-1 AND BDS-3, RESPECTIVELY?

A. The reason I did not calculate values for 2015 is because of structural separation
that takes place on or before December 31, 2014. In 2015, the Genco will be required to

<ul> <li>profitable or not will be based on its own actions in the market, and thus</li> <li>calculations are irrelevant.</li> <li><b>Q.</b> BASED ON THE ERRORS IN DEO WITNESS SAVOY'S PRO FO</li> <li>ANALYSIS, DO YOU CONSIDER IT TO HAVE ANY PROBATIVE</li> <li>A. No.</li> <li><b>Q.</b> DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?</li> <li>A. Yes. However, I reserve the right to supplement my testimony at information subsequently becomes available or in response to positions of the supplement of the super super supplement of the super supplement of the super supplement of the supplemen</li></ul>	other competitive generating company in PJM. Therefore, whether it is	L	1
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#### Jonathan A. Lesser, Ph.D. President

#### **SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE**

Dr. Jonathan Lesser is the President of Continental Economics, Inc., and has almost 30 years of experience working for regulated utilities, governments, and as an economic consultant. He has extensive experience in valuation and damages analysis, from estimating the damages associated with breaking commercial leases to valuing nuclear power plants. Dr. Lesser has performed due diligence studies for investment banks, testified on generating plant stranded costs, assessed damages in commercial litigation cases, and performed statistical analysis for class certification. He has also served as an arbiter in commercial damages proceedings.

He has analyzed economic and regulatory issues affecting the energy industry, including cost-benefit analysis of transmission, generation, and distribution investment, gas and electric utility structure and operations, generating asset valuation under uncertainty, mergers and acquisitions, cost allocation and rate design, resource investment decision strategies, utility financing and the cost of capital, depreciation, risk management, incentive regulation, economic impact studies of energy infrastructure development, and general regulatory policy.

Dr. Lesser has prepared expert testimony and reports in cases before utility commissions in numerous U.S. states; before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC); before international regulators in Latin America and the Caribbean; in commercial litigation cases; and before legislative committees in Connecticut, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio, Texas, Vermont, and Washington State. He has also served as an independent arbiter in disputes involving regulatory treatment of utilities and valuation of energy generation assets.

Dr. Lesser is the author of numerous academic and trade press articles. He is also the coauthor of *Environmental Economics and Policy*, published in 1997 by Addison Wesley Longman, *Fundamentals of Energy Regulation*, published in 2007 by Public Utilities Reports, Inc., and *Principles of Utility Corporate Finance*, published in 2011 by Public Utilities Reports, Inc. Dr. Lesser is also a contributing columnist and Editorial Board member for *Natural Gas & Electricity*.

#### AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- State, federal, and international electric rate regulation—cost of capital, depreciation, cost of service, cost allocation, pricing and rate design, incentive regulation, regulatory policy, wholesale and retail market design, and industry restructuring
- Commercial damages estimation and litigation
- Pipeline rate regulation
- Natural gas markets
- Cost-benefit analysis
- Economic impact analysis and input-output studies
- Environmental policy and analysis
- Market power analysis
- Load forecasting and energy market modeling
- Market valuation and due diligence
- Antitrust

#### **Selected expert testimony and reports**

#### New York Association of Public Utilities

• FERC proceeding regarding formula transmission rate for Niagara Mohawk Power d/b/a National Grid (Docket No. EL12-101-000)

Subject: Allowed rate of return and capital structure.

#### Caribbean Utilities Company, Ltd.

• Rebuttal report on weighted average cost of capital methodology and recommendations for Caribbean Utilities Company, Ltd.

#### **Utah Industrial Energy Users Coalition**

• Proceeding before the Utah Public Service Commission (Case No. U-11035-200)

Subject: Appropriate methodology for embedded cost allocation for Rocky Mountain Power.

#### FirstEnergy Solutions Corp.

• Proceeding before the Ohio Public Utilities Commission (Case Nos. 12-426-EL-SSO)

Subject: Dayton Power & Light Co., Electric Security Plan; financial integrity, anticompetitive cross-subsidization and need for structural separation

• Proceeding before the Michigan Public Service Commission (Case No. U-17032)

Subject: Indiana & Michigan Power Co. proposed capacity charges for customers taking retail electric service.

 Proceeding before the Ohio Public Utilities Commission (Case Nos. 11-346-EL-SSO and 11-348-EL-SSO)

Subject: Revised AEP Ohio energy security plan, benefits of retail market competition.

• Proceeding before the Ohio Public Utilities Commission (Case No. 10-2929-EL-UNC)

Subject: Appropriate price for commercial retail electric suppliers to be charged by AEP Ohio for installed capacity under the PJM Fixed Resource Requirement tariff option.

#### Southwestern Electric Cooperative

• FERC proceeding regarding wholesale distribution rate application of Ameren Illinois (*Re: Midwestern ISO and Ameren Illinois*, Docket No. ER11-2777-002, et al.)

Subject: Allowed rate of return and capital structure

#### **Exelon Corporation**

 Proceeding before the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (Docket No. EO-11050309)

Subject: PJM Capacity Market, Capacity Procurement, and Transmission Planning

#### **Industrial Energy Users of Ohio**

• Proceeding before the Ohio Public Utilities Commission (Case No. 08-917-EL-SSO)

Subject: Determination of cost associated with "provider-of-last-resort" (POLR) service and AEP Ohio's use of option pricing models.

#### Southwest Gas Corporation

• FERC proceeding regarding rate application of El Paso Natural Gas Company (Docket No. RP10-1398-000)

Subject: Development of risk-sharing methodology for unsubscribed and discount capacity costs.

#### Portland Natural Gas Shippers

- FERC rate proceeding regarding the rate application by Northern Border Pipeline Company (Re: Portland Natural Gas Transmission System, Docket No. RP10-729-000)
- FERC rate proceeding regarding the rate application by Northern Border Pipeline Company (Re: Portland Natural Gas Transmission System, Docket No. RP08-306-000)

Subject: Natural gas supplies, economic lifetime, and depreciation rates.

#### **Independent Power Producers of New York**

 FERC proceeding (New York Independent System Operator, Inc., Docket No. ER11-2224-000)

Subject: Reasonableness of the proposed installed capacity demand curves and cost of new entry values proposed by the New York Independent System Operator.

#### **Maryland Public Service Commission**

• Merger application of FirstEnergy Corporation and Allegheny Energy, Inc. (I/M/O FirstEnergy Corp and Allegheny Energy, Inc., Case No. 9233)

Subject: Proposed merger between FirstEnergy Corporation and Allegheny Energy. Testimony described the structure and results of a cost-benefit analysis to determine whether the proposed merger met the state's positive benefits test, and included analysis of market power and merger synergies.

#### Alliance to Protect Nantucket Sound

Proceeding before the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (Case No. D.P.U. 10-54)

Subject: Approval of Proposed Long-Term Contracts for Renewable Energy With Cape Wind Associates, LLC.

#### **Brookfield Energy Marketing, LLC**

• FERC proceeding (*New England Power Generators Association, et al. v. ISO New England, Inc.,* Docket Nos. ER10-787-000, ER10-50-000, and EL10-57-000 (consolidated)).

Subject: Proposed forward capacity market payments for imported capacity into ISO-NE.

#### Public Service Company of New Mexico

 Proceeding before the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission (Case No. 10-00086-UT)

Subject: Load forecast for future test year, residential price elasticity study.

#### M-S-R Public Power Agency

• FERC proceeding (*Southern California Edison Co.,* Docket No. ER09-187-000 and ER10-160-000)

Subject: Allowed rate of return for construction work in progress (CWIP) expenditures for certain transmission facilities.

• FERC proceeding (Southern California Edison Co., Docket No. ER10-160-000)

Subject: Allowed rate of return for construction work in progress (CWIP) expenditures for certain transmission facilities.

#### **Financial Marketers**

• FERC proceeding (*Black Oak Energy, LLC v PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.,* Docket No. EL08-014-002)

Subject: Allocation of surplus transmission line losses under the PJM tariff.

#### Southwest Gas Corporation and Salt River Project

• FERC proceeding regarding rate application of El Paso Natural Gas Company (Docket No. RP08-426-000)

Subject: Analysis of proposed capital structure and recommended capital structure adjustments

#### New York Regional Interconnect, Inc.

• Proceeding before the New York Public Service Commission (Case No. 06-T-0650)

Subject: Analysis of economic and public policy benefits of a proposed high-voltage transmission line.

#### **Occidental Chemical Corporation**

• FERC Proceeding (*Westar Energy, Inc.* ER07-1344-000)

Subject: Compliance of wholesale power sales agreement with FERC standards

#### EPIC Merchant Energy, LLC, et al.

• FERC Proceeding (*Ameren Services Company v. Midwest Independent System Operator, Inc.,* Docket Nos. EL07-86-000, EL07-88-000, EL07-92-000 (Consolidated)

Subject: Allocation of revenue sufficiency guarantee costs.

#### Cottonwood Energy, LP

 Proceeding before the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Application of Kelson Transmission Company, LLC for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for the Amended Proposed Canal to Deweyville 345 kV Transmission Line with Chambers, Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton, and Orange Counties, Docket No. 34611, SOAH Docket No. 473-08-3341)

Subject: Benefits of transmission capacity investments.

#### Redbud Energy, LP

• Proceeding before the Oklahoma Corporation Commission (*Request of Public Service Company of Oklahoma for the Oklahoma Corporation Commission to Retain an Independent Evaluator*, Cause No. PUD 200700418)

Subject: Reasonableness of PSO's 2008 RFP design.

#### The NRG Companies

• FERC Proceeding (*ISO New England Inc. and New England Power Pool,* Docket No. ER08-1209-000)

Subject: Compensation of Rejected De-list Bids Under ISO-NE's Forward Capacity Market Design

#### **Dynegy Power Marketing, LLC**

• FERC proceeding, *KeySpan-Ravenswood, LLC v. New York Independent System Operator, Inc.,* Docket No. EL05-17-000

Subject: Estimation of damages accruing to Dynegy arising from a failure by the NYISO to accurately calculate locational installed capacity requirements in NYISO during the summer of 2002.

#### **Constellation Energy Group**

• FERC proceeding (*Maryland Public Utility Commission, et al., v. PJM Interconnection, LLC*, Docket No. EL08-67-000)

Subject: "Just and reasonableness" of PJM's Reliability Pricing Mechanism.

#### **Government of Belize, Public Utility Commission**

• Proceeding before the Belize Public Utility Commission, In the Matter of the Public Utilities Commission Initial Decision in the 2008 Annual Review Proceeding for Belize Electricity Limited.

Subject: Arbitration and Independent Expert's report, in dispute between the Belize PUC and Belize Electricity Limited in an annual electric rate tariff review, as required under Belize law.

#### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

• Technical hearings on wholesale electric capacity market design.

Subject: Analysis of proposal to revise RTO capacity market design developed by the American Forest and Paper Association.

#### **Dogwood Energy, LLC**

• Proceeding before the Missouri Public Service Commission, In the Matter of the Application of Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks - MPS and Aquila Case No. EO-2008-0046, Networks - L&P for Authority to Transfer Operational Control of Certain Transmission Assets to the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc., Case No. EO-2008-0046.

Subject: Cost-benefit analysis to determine whether Aquila should join either the Midwest Independent System Operator (MISO) or the Southwest Power Pool (SPP).

#### **Independent Power Producers of New York**

• FERC proceeding (*Re: New York Independent System Operator, Inc.,* Docket No. ER08-283-000)

Subject: Revisions to the installed capacity (ICAP) market demand curves in the New York control area, which are designed to provide economic incentives for new generation development.

#### Empresa Eléctrica de Guatemala

• Rate proceeding before the Comisión Nacional de Energía Eléctrica

Subject: Rate of return for an electric distribution company

#### **Electric Power Supply Association**

• FERC proceeding (*Re: Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.,* Docket No. ER07-1182-000)

Subject: Critique of cost-benefit analysis by MISO Independent Market Monitor concluding that permanent establishment of Broad Constrained Area mitigation was appropriate.

#### **Constellation Energy Commodities Group, LLC**

- FERC proceeding regarding rate application for ancillary services by Ameren Energy (*Re: Ameren Energy Marketing Company and Ameren Energy, Inc.*, Docket Nos. ER07-169-000 and ER07-170-000)
- Subject: Analysis and testimony on appropriate "opportunity cost" rates for ancillary services, including regulation service and spinning reserve service. Case settled prior to testimony being filed.

#### **Suiza Dairy Corporation**

- Rate proceeding before the Office of Milk Industry Regulatory Administration of Puerto Rico.
- Subject: Analysis and testimony on the appropriate rate of return for regulated milk processors in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

#### DPL Inc.

• Proceeding before the Ohio Board of Tax Appeals (*DPL, Inc. and its subsidiaries v. William W. Wilkins, Tax Commissioner of Ohio*, Case No. 2004-A-1437)

Subject: Economic impacts of generation investment and qualification of electric utility investments as "manufacturing" investments for purposes of state investment tax credits.

#### IGI Resources, LLC and BP Canada Energy Marketing Corp.

• FERC proceeding regarding the rate application by Gas Transmission Northwest Corporation (*Re: Gas Transmission Northwest*, Docket No. RP06-407-000)

Subject: Natural gas supplies, economic lifetime, and depreciation rates.

#### Baltimore Gas and Electric Co.

• Maryland Public Service Commission (Case No. 9099)

Subject: Standard Offer Service pricing. Testimony focused on factors driving electric price increases since 1999, and estimates of rates under continued regulation

• Maryland Public Service Commission (Case No. 9073)

Subject: Stranded costs of generation. Testimony focused on analysis of benefits of competitive wholesale power industry.

• Maryland Public Service Commission (Case No. 9063)

Subject: Optimal structure of Maryland's electric industry. Testimony focused on the benefits of competitive wholesale electric markets. Presented independent estimates of benefits of restructuring since 1999.

#### Pemex-Gas y Petroquímica Básica

• Expert report in a rate proceeding. Presented analysis before the Comisión Reguladora de Energía on the appropriate rate of return for the natural gas pipeline industry.

#### BP Canada Marketing Corp.

• FERC proceeding regarding the rate application by Northern Border Pipeline Company (*Re: Northern Border Pipeline*, Docket No. RP06-072-000)

Subject: Natural gas supplies, economic lifetime, and depreciation rates.

#### **Transmission Agency of Northern California**

• FERC rate proceeding (*Re: Pacific Gas & Electric Company*, Docket No. ER09-1521-000)

Subject: Analysis of appropriate return on equity, capital structure, and overall cost of capital. Case settled prior to filing expert testimony.

• FERC rate proceeding (*Re: Pacific Gas & Electric Company*, Docket No. ER08-1318-000)

Subject: Analysis of appropriate return on equity, capital structure, and overall cost of capital. Case settled prior to filing expert testimony.

• FERC rate proceeding (*Re: Pacific Gas & Electric Company*, Docket No. ER07-1213-000)

Subject: Analysis of appropriate return on equity, capital structure, and overall cost of capital. Case settled prior to filing expert testimony.

• FERC rate proceeding (*Re: Pacific Gas & Electric Company*, Docket No. ER06-1325-000)

Subject: Analysis of appropriate return on equity, capital structure, and overall cost of capital. Case settled prior to filing expert testimony.

• FERC rate proceeding (*Re: Pacific Gas & Electric Company*, Docket No. ER05-1284-000)

Subject: Analysis of appropriate return on equity, capital structure, and overall cost of capital. Case settled prior to filing expert testimony.

• FERC rate proceeding (*Re: Pacific Gas & Electric Company*, Docket Nos. ER03-409-000, ER03-666-000)

Subject: Analysis and development of recommendation for the appropriate return on equity, capital structure, and overall cost of capital.

#### State of New Jersey Board of Public Utilities

 Merger application of Public Service Enterprise Group and Exelon Corporation (I/M/O The Joint Petition Of Public Service Electric And Gas Company And Exelon Corporation For Approval Of A Change In Control Of Public Service Electric And Gas Company And Related Authorizations, BPU Docket No. EM05020106, OAL Docket No. PUC-1874-050)

Subject: Proposed merger between Exelon Corporation and PSEG Corporation. Testimony described the structure and results of a cost-benefit analysis to determine whether the proposed merger met the state's positive benefits test, and included analysis of market power, value of changes in nuclear plant operations, and merger synergies.

#### Sierra Pacific Power Corp.

• FERC proceeding regarding the rate application by Paiute Pipeline Company (*Re Paiute Pipeline Company* Docket No. RP05-163-000)

Subject: Depreciation analysis, negative salvage, and natural gas supplies. Case settled prior to filing expert testimony.

#### Matanuska Electric

Regulatory Commission of Alaska rate proceeding (*In the Matter of the Revision to Current Depreciation Rates Filed by Chugach Electric Association, Inc.,* Docket No. U-04-102)

Subject: Analysis of the reasonableness of Chugach electric's depreciation study.

#### Duke Energy North America, LLC

• FERC proceeding (*Re: Devon Power, LLC*, et al., Docket No. ER03-563-030)

Subject: Appropriate market design for locational installed generating capacity in the New England market to ensure system reliability.

#### Keyspan-Ravenswood, LLC

• FERC proceeding, *KeySpan-Ravenswood, LLC v. New York Independent System Operator, Inc.*, Docket No. EL05-17-000

Subject: Estimation of damages arising from a failure by the NYISO to accurately calculate locational installed capacity requirements in New York City during the summer of 2002.

#### **Electric Power Supply Association**

• FERC proceeding (Re: PJM Interconnection, LLC, Docket No. EL03-236-002)

Subject: Analysis and critique of proposed pivotal supplier tests for market power in PJM identified load pockets.

#### Vermont Department of Public Service

- Vermont Public Service Board Rate Proceedings
  - Concurrent proceedings: *Re: Green Mountain Power Corp.*, Dockets No. 7175 and 7176. Subject: Cost of capital and allowed return on equity under cost of service regulation, as well as under a proposed alternative regulation proposal.
  - *Re: Shoreham Telephone Company*, Docket No. 6914. Subject: Analysis and development of recommendations for the appropriate return on equity, capital structure, and overall cost of capital.
  - *Re: Vermont Electric Power Company*, Docket No. 6860. Subject:
     Development of a least-cost transmission system investment strategy to
analyze the prudence of a major high-voltage transmission system upgrade proposed by the Vermont Electric Power Company.

- *Re: Central Vermont Public Service Company*, Docket No. 6867. Subject: Analysis and development of recommendations for the appropriate return on equity, capital structure, and overall cost of capital.
- *Re: Green Mountain Power Corporation*, Docket No. 6866. Subject: Analysis and development of recommendations for the appropriate return on equity, capital structure, and overall cost of capital.

# **Pipeline shippers**

• FERC proceeding regarding the rate application of Northern Natural Gas Company (*Re: Northern Natural Gas Company*, Docket No. RP03-398-000)

Subject: Gas supply analysis to determine pipeline depreciation rates as part of an overall rate proceeding.

### Arkansas Oklahoma Gas Corp.

• Oklahoma Corporation Commission rate proceeding (*Re: Arkansas Oklahoma Gas Corporation*, Docket No. 03-088)

Subject: Analysis and development of recommendations for the appropriate return on equity, capital structure, and overall cost of capital.

- Arkansas Public Service Commission rate proceedings
  - In the Matter of the Application of Arkansas Oklahoma Gas Corporation for a General Change in Rates and Tariffs, Docket No. 05-006-U. Subject: Analysis and development of recommendations for the appropriate return on equity, capital structure, and overall cost of capital.
  - In the Matter of the Application of Arkansas Oklahoma Gas Corporation for a General Change in Rates and Tariffs, Docket No. 02-24-U. Subject: Analysis and development of recommendations for the appropriate return on equity, capital structure, and overall cost of capital.

# Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee, LLC

• Vermont Public Service Board proceeding (*Re: Petition of Entergy Nuclear Vermont Yankee for a Certificate of Public Good*, Docket No. 6812)

Subject: Analysis of the economic benefits of nuclear plant generating capacity expansion as required for an application for a Certificate of Public Good.

### **Central Illinois Lighting Company**

• Illinois Commerce Commission rate proceeding (*Re: Central Illinois Lighting Company*, Docket No. 02-0837)

Subject: Analysis and development of recommendations for the appropriate return on equity, capital structure, and overall cost of capital.

# Citizens Utilities Corp.

• Vermont Public Service Board rate proceeding (*Tariff Filing of Citizens Communications Company requesting a rate increase in the amount of 40.02% to take effect December 15, 2001*, Docket No. 6596)

Subject: Analysis of the prudence and economic used-and-usefulness of Citizens' long-term purchase of generation from Hydro Quebec, including the estimated environmental costs and benefits of the purchase.

# **Dynegy LNG Production, LP**

• FERC proceeding (*Re: Dynegy LNG Production Terminal, LP*, Docket No. CP01-423-000). September 2001

Subject: Analysis of market power impacts of proposed LNG facility development.

### Missouri Gas Energy Corp.

• FERC rate proceeding (*Re: Kansas Pipeline Corporation*, Docket No. RP99-485-000)

Subject: Gas supply analysis to determine pipeline depreciation rates as part of an overall rate proceeding.

### Green Mountain Power Corp.

- Vermont Public Service Board rate proceedings
  - In the Matter of Green Mountain Power Corporation requesting a 12.93% Rate Increase to take effect January 22, 1999, Docket No. 6107. Subject: Analysis of the appropriate discount rate, treatment of environmental costs, and the treatment of risk and uncertainty as part of a major power-purchase agreement with Hydro-Quebec.
  - Investigation into the Department of Public Service's Proposed Energy Efficiency Utility, Docket No. 5980. Subject: Analysis of distributed utility planning methodologies and environmental costs.

- Tariff Filing of Green Mountain Power Corporation requesting a 16.7% Rate Increase to take effect 7/31/97, Docket No. 5983. Subject: Analysis of distributed utility planning methodologies and avoided electricity costs.
- Tariff Filing of Green Mountain Power Corporation requesting a 16.7% Rate Increase to take effect 7/31/97, Docket No. 5983. Subject: Valuation of a longterm power purchase contract with Hydro-Quebec in the context of a determination of prudence and economic used-and-usefulness.

# **United Illuminating Company**

• Connecticut Dept. of Public Utility Control proceeding (*Application of the United Illuminating Company for Recovery of Stranded Costs*, Docket No. 99-03-04)

Subject: Development and application of dynamic programming models to estimate nuclear plant stranded costs.

# **COMMERCIAL LITIGATION EXPERIENCE**

- *Idaho Power Co. v. Glenns Ferry Cogeneration Partners, L.P.*, U.S. District Court, District of Idaho, Case No. 1:11-cv-00565-CWD. Expert report on damages associated with breach of power sales contract.
- Vacqueria Tres Monjitas and Suiza Dairy, Inc. v. Jose O. Laboy, in his Official capacity, as the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and Juan R. Pedro-Gordian, in his official capacity, as Administrator of the Office of the Milk Industry Regulatory Administration for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. U.S. District Court, District of Puerto Rico, Civil Case No. 04-1840. Determined the appropriate "country risk" premium for the fresh milk dairy industry in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.
- *Lorali, Ltd., et al. v. Sempra Energy Solutions, LLC, et al.* Damages associated with abrogation of retail electric supply contracts.
- *IMO Industries v. Transamerica.* Estimated the appropriate discount rate to use for estimating damages over time associated with a failure of the insurance companies to reimburse asbestos-related damage claims and the resulting losses to the firm's value.
- *John C. Lincoln Hospital v. Maricopa County.* Performed statistical analysis to determine the value of a class of unpaid hospital insurance claims.

- *Catamount/Brownell, LLC. v. Randy Rowland.* Prepared an expert report on the damages associated with breach of commercial lease.
- *Lyubner v. Sizzling Platters, Inc.*. Performed an econometric analysis of damage claims based on sales impacts associated with advertising.
- *Pietro v. Pietro*. Estimated pension benefits arising from a divorce case.
- *Nat'l. Association of Electric Manufacturers v. Sorrell.* U.S. District Court for the District of Vermont. Expert report and testimony on the costs of labeling fluorescent lamps and the impacts of labeling laws on the demand for electricity.

# **ARBITRATION CASES**

# *TransCanada Hydro Northeast, Inc. v. Town of Littleton, New Hampshire*, (CPR File No. G-09-24).

Subject: dispute regarding valuation for property tax purposes of a hydroelectric facility located on the Connecticut River.

Served as neutral on a three-person arbitration panel.

# *Belize Electricity Limited v. Belize Public Utilities Commission* (Claim No. 512 of 2008).

Subject: Proceeding before the Supreme Court of Belize alleging that the Final Decision by the Belize Public Utilities Commission setting electric rates and tariffs for the 2008-2009 period were unreasonable and non-compensatory.

Prepared independent report on behalf of the Belize Supreme Court for arbitration of the dispute.

### **Selected business consulting experience**

- For the COMPETE coalition, prepared a report on the economic impacts of state subsidized electric generating plants.
- For a confidential client, provided analysis on rate of return and capital structure, as well as key business and financial risks, for renegotiation of a long-term power-purchase agreement.
- For the Manhattan Institute, prepared a comprehensive report on the economic impacts of shutdown of the Indian Point Nuclear Facility.

- For Energy Choice Now, prepared a report on the economic benefits of retail electric competition in Michigan.
- For the COMPETE Coalition, prepared a report on how electric competition creates economic growth.
- For an industry group, developed econometric models of the impacts of shale gas production on U.S. natural gas and electric prices.
- For an environmental advocacy group, critically evaluated the financial implications of operating restrictions for an off-shore wind generating facility stemming from requirements under the U.S. Endangered Species Act.
- For a major investor-owned utility in the US, prepared a new system of short-term peak and energy forecasting models.
- For a major wholesale electric generation company, prepared comprehensive economic impact studies for use in FERC hydroelectric relicensing proceedings.
- For a major investor-owned utility in the Southwest US, prepared a detailed econometric model and wrote a comprehensive report on residential price elasticity that was required by regulators.
- For a major investor-owned utility in the Southwest US, developed a methodology to value nuclear plant leases that incorporated future uncertainty regarding greenhouse gas regulations.
- Faculty member, PURC/World Bank International Training Program on Utility Regulation and Strategy, University of Florida, Public Utility Research Center, Gainesville, FL, 2008 – 2009. Courses taught:
  - Sector Issues: Basic Techniques–Energy
  - Sector Issues in Rate Design: Energy
  - Sector Issues in Rate Design: Energy-Case Studies
  - Transmission Pricing Issues
- For a major solar energy firm, evaluated costs and benefits of alternative solar technologies; assisted with siting and transmission access issues.
- For the South African Department of Minerals and Energy, recommended pricing methods and regulatory accounts to ensure that petroleum product prices appropriately reflected costs and to enhance the incentives for industry investment "Final Report for Task 141."
- For industrial customers in the State of Vermont, prepared a position paper on the impacts of demand side management funding on electric rates and competitiveness.

- For a major New York brokerage firm, performed a fairness opinion valuation of a gas-fired electric generating facility.
- For electric utilities undergoing restructuring, developed comprehensive economic models to value buyer offers associated with nuclear power plant divestitures.
- For a large municipal electric utility in Florida, analyzed real option values of alternative proposed purchased generation contracts whose strike prices were tied to future natural gas and oil prices, and developed contract recommendations.
- For a municipal electric utility in Florida, developed an analytical model to determine risk-return tradeoffs of alternative generation portfolios, identify an efficient frontier of generation asset portfolios, and recommended asset purchase and sale strategies.
- For Central Vermont Public Service Corp. and Green Mountain Power Corp., developed analyses of distribution capacity investments accounting for uncertainty over future peak load growth.
- For a major electric utility in Latin America, developed risk management strategies for hedging natural gas supplies with minimal up-front investment; prepared training materials for utility staff; and wrote the utility's risk management Policies and Procedures Manual.
- For a major nuclear plant owner and operator in the U.S., prepared reports of the economic benefits of nuclear plant operation and development.
- For the Electric Power Supply Association, prepared numerous policy papers addressing wholesale electric market design and competition.
- For the California Energy Commission, developed a new policy approach to renewables feed-in tariffs and developed portfolio analysis models to develop an "efficient frontier" of generation portfolios for the state.
- For a major nuclear plant owner and operator, assessed the likelihood of relicensing a specific nuclear plant in New England, given state regulatory concerns over on-site spent fuel storage.
- For a large investor-owned utility in the Southeast, analyzed alternative environmental compliance strategies that directly incorporated uncertainty over future emissions costs, environmental regulations, and alternative pollution control technology effectiveness.
- For a Special Legislative Committee of the Province of New Brunswick, served as an expert advisor on the development of a deregulated electric power market.

- For the Bonneville Power Administration, developed models to assess the economic impacts of local generation resource development in Washington State and Oregon.
- For an electric utility in the Pacific Northwest, assisted in negotiations surrounding relicensing of a large hydroelectric generating facility.
- Served as an expert advisor for the Northwest Power Planning Council regarding future power supplies, load growth, and economic growth.

# **EDUCATION**

- PhD, Economics, University of Washington
- MA, Economics, University of Washington
- BSc, Mathematics and Economics (with honors), University of New Mexico

# **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

- 2009–Present: Continental Economics, Inc., President.
- 2004–2009: Bates White, LLC, Partner, Energy Practice.
- 2003–2004: Vermont Dept. of Public Service, Director of Planning.
- 1998–2003: Navigant Consulting, Senior Managing Economist.
- 1996–1998: Adjunct Lecturer, School of Business, University of Vermont.
- 1993–1998: Green Mountain Power Corporation, Manager, Economic Analysis.
- 1990–1993: Adjunct Lecturer, Dept. of Business and Economics, Saint Martin's College.
- 1986–1993: Washington State Energy Office, Energy Policy Specialist.
- 1984–1986: Pacific Northwest Utilities Conference Committee, Energy Economist.
- 1983–1984: Idaho Power Corporation, Load Forecasting Analyst.

# **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- Reviewer, Energy
- Reviewer, The Energy Journal
- Reviewer, Energy Policy

• Reviewer, Journal of Regulatory Economics

# **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- Energy Bar Association
- International Association for Energy Economics
- Society for Benefit-Cost Analysis

# **PUBLICATIONS**

# Peer-reviewed journal articles

- Lesser, J, "The High Cost of Low-Value Wind Power," *Regulation*, Spring 2013, forthcoming.
- Lesser, J., "Wind Generation Patterns and the Economics of Wind Subsidies," *The Electricity Journal* 26, Jan/Feb. 2013, pp. 8-16.
- Lesser, J., "Gresham's Law of Green Energy," *Regulation*, Winter 2010-2011, pp. 12-18.
- Lesser, J., and E. Nicholson, "Abandon all Hope? FERC's Evolving Standards for Identifying Comparable Firms and Estimating the Rate of Return," *Energy Law Journal* 30 (April 2009): 105-132.
- Lesser, J. and X. Su. "Design of an Economically Efficient Feed-in Tariff Structure for Renewable Energy Development." *Energy Policy* 36 (March 2008) 981–990.
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- Lesser, J., and C. Feinstein. "Electric Utility Restructuring, Regulation of Distribution Utilities, and the Fallacy of 'Avoided Cost' Rules." *Journal of Regulatory Economics* 15 (January 1999): 93–110.
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- Lesser, J., and R. Zerbe. "What Can Economic Analysis Contribute to the Sustainability Debate?" *Contemporary Policy Issues* 13 (July 1995): 88–100.

- Lesser, J., and R. Zerbe. "The Discount Rate for Environmental Projects." *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 13 (Winter 1994): 140–56.
- Lesser, J., and D. Dodds. "Can Utility Commissions Improve on Environmental Regulations?" *Land Economics* 70 (February 1994): 63–76.
- Lesser, J. "Estimating the Economic Impacts of Geothermal Resource Development." *Geothermics* 24 (Winter 1994): 52–69.
- Lesser, J. "Application of Stochastic Dominance Tests to Utility Resource Planning Under Uncertainty." *Energy* 15 (December 1990): 949–61.
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- Lesser, J., and J. Weber. "The 65 M.P.H. Speed Limit and the Demand for Gasoline: A Case Study for the State of Washington." *Energy Systems and Policy* 13 (July 1989): 191–203.
- Lesser, J. "The Economics of Preference Power." *Research in Law and Economics* 12 (1989): 131–51.

# Books and contributed chapters

- Lesser, J., and L.R. Giacchino, *Principles of Utility Corporate Finance*, Vienna, VA: Public Utilities Reports, 2011.
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- "The Failures of Transmission Planning and Policy," Harvard Electric Policy Group, February 25, 2010.
- "Financing the Smart Grid," Energy Bar Association Seminar, Washington, DC, December 4, 2009.
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### **REQUEST:**

To which segment of DEO's business are ESSC revenues allocated (distribution, transmission, generation, etc.)? If multiple segments, please provide rationale for the allocation.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Objection. This Interrogatory is overly broad and unduly burdensome and further seeks to elicit information that is irrelevant or not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery o of admissible evidence. Without waiving said objection, to the extent discoverable, and in the spirit of discovery, ESSC revenue is recorded on the books of company business unit 75030, or Commercial Power.

PERSON RESPONSIBLE: William Don Wathen Jr.

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÷	360	3600	Land and Land Rights	13,109,977		13,109,977	100.000%	13,109,977
2	360	3601	Rights of Way	26,110,943		26,110,943	100.000%	26,110,943
ო	361	3610	Structures and Improvements	8,317,815		8,317,815	100.000%	8,317,815
4	362	3620	Station Equipment	182,040,569	(17,100,300)	164,940,269	100.000%	164,940,269
ۍ	362	3622	Major Equipment	103,229,213	(2,103,326)	101,125,887	100.000%	101,125,887
9	362	3635	Station Equipment Electronic	2,620,440	(2,719,820)	(086'86)	100.000%	(99,380)
7	364	3640	Poles, Towers & Fixtures	243,486,355	(1,162,056)	242,324,299	100.000%	242,324,299
8	365	3650, 3651	Overhead Conductors and Devices	396,969,778	(12,365,335)	384,604,443	100.000%	384,604,443
ŋ	366	3660	Underground Conduit	88,227,723		88,227,723	100.000%	88,227,723
10	367	3670	Underground Conductors and Devices	282,336,871		282,336,871	100.000%	282,336,871
1	368	3680, 3681	Line Transformers	367,228,972		367,228,972	100.000%	367,228,972
12	368	3682	Customer Transformer Installations	5,272,832		5,272,832	100.000%	5,272,832
13	369	3691	Services - Underground	3,391,901		3,391,901	100.000%	3,391,901
14	369	3692	Services - Overhead	64,385,178		64,385,178	100.000%	64,385,178
15	370	3700	Meters	41,968,249		41,968,249	100.000%	41,968,249
16	370	3701	Leased Meters	17,699,187		17,699,187	100.000%	17,699,187
17	370	3702	Utility of the Future Meters	40,433,742	(40,433,742)	0	100.000%	0
18	371	3710	Installations on Customers' Premises	241,509		241,509	100.000%	241,509
19	371	3712	Company Owned Outdoor Light	714,040		714,040	100.000%	714,040
20	372	3720	Leased Property on Customers' Premises	102,503		102,503	100.000%	102,503
21	373	3730, 3731	Street Lighting	21,127,345		21,127,345	100.000%	21,127,345
22	373	3732	Street Lighting - Boulevard	28,103,634		28,103,634	100.000%	28,103,634
23	373	3733	Light Security OL POL Flood	17,694,862		17,694,862	100.000%	17,694,862
24	373	3734	Light Choice OLE - Public	1,364,763		1,364,763	100.000%	1,364,763
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÷	303	3030	Miscellaneous Intangible Plant	34,776,041	(5,191,891)	29,584,150	92.257%	27,293,450
7	389	3890	Land and Land Rights	949,213		949,213	92.257%	875,715
c	390	3900	Structures and Improvements	25,029,892	(46,746)	24,983,146	92.257%	23,048,701
4	391	3910	Office Furniture and Equipment	502,944		502,944	92.257%	464,001
S	391	3911	Electronic Data Processing Equipment	2,403,741	(1,069,127)	1,334,614	92.257%	1,231,275
g	391	3920	Transportation Equipment	1,302,268		1,302,268	92.257%	1,201,433
7	391	3921	Trailers	2,940,408		2,940,408	92.257%	2,712,732
80	393	3930	Stores Equipment	1,090,920		1,090,920	92.257%	1,006,450
o	392	3940	Tools, Shop & Garage Equipment	14,796,560		14,796,560	92.257%	13,650,862
9	392	3950	Laboratory Equipment	125,110		125,110	92.257%	115,423
11	393	3960	Power Operated Equipment	1,555,719		1,555,719	92.257%	1,435,260
12	393	3970	Communication Equipment	53,946,585	(40,153,265)	13,793,320	92.257%	12,725,303
13	394	3980	Miscellaneous Equipment	83,798		83,798	92.257%	77,310
4			Total Electric General Plant	139,503,199	(46,461,029)	93,042,170		85,837,915
15			Total Electric Plant	6,141,782,462	(122,345,608)	6,019,436,854		1,966,131,737

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DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC. CASE NO. 12-1682-EL-AIR PLANT IN SERVICE BY ACCOUNTS AND SUBACCOUNTS AS OF MARCH 31, 2012	COMMON PLANT - EXCLUDING SMARTGRID

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2		1890	Land and Land Rights	2,121,647		2,121,647	44.821%	950,943
ო		1891	Rights of Way	37,969		37,969	44.821%	17,018
4		1900	Structures & Improvements	129,745,709	(1,968,452)	127,777,257	44.821%	57,271,044
ç		1910	Office Furniture & Equipment	4,220,950	(6,594)	4,214,356	44.821%	1,888,917
Q		1911	Electronic Data Processing - Non SmartGrid	693,843		693,843	44.821%	310,987
7		1920	Transportation Equipment	85,311		85,311	44.821%	38,237
8		1921	Trailers	474,273		474,273	44.821%	212,574
თ		1930	Stores Equipment	189,750		189,750	44.821%	85,048
10		1940	Tools, Shop & Garage Equipment	1,829,999	(52,910)	1,777,089	44.821%	796,509
4		1950	Laboratory Equipment	23,250		23,250	44.821%	10,421
12		1960	Power Operated Equipment	153,899		153,899	44.821%	68,979
13		1970	Communication Equipment - Non SmartGrid	27,931,369	(8,238)	27,923,131	44.821%	12,515,427
4		1980	Miscellaneous Equipment	429,603	(8,081)	421,522	44.821%	188,930
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#### Duke Energy Ohio Present Value Benefit of ESP Compared to MRO<sup>(a)</sup>

Line		Jan '12-Dec '12	Jan '13-Dec '13	Jan '14-Dec '14	Jan '15-May '15
	Price Forecasts	7			
1	Projected Legacy ESP Price (b)	\$79.19	\$74.45	\$76.22	\$75.44
2	Projected Retail Market Price (c)	\$61.38	\$66.31	\$78.65	\$89.00
3	MRO Blend % (of Market Price)	10%	20%	30%	40%
4	MRO Price Blended Rate (\$/MWh)	\$77.41	\$72.82	\$76.95	\$80.86
5	Projected Retail Market Price (Line 2)	\$61.38	\$66.31	\$78.65	\$89.00
6	Electric Security Stabilitizatio Charge <sup>(d)</sup>	5.37	5.29	5.19	- <u> </u>
7	Proposed SSO Price in ESP	\$66.75	\$71.60	\$83.85	\$89.00
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8	Total Revenue at MRO Rate	\$1,584,804, <mark>5</mark> 17	\$1,515,400,007	\$1,629,570,849	\$700,610,416
9	Total Revenue at ESP Rates				
10	All kWh at Average ESP Rate	\$1,366,630,966	\$1,489,967,594	\$1,775,667,622	\$771,119,852
11	Less: Discount for PIPP Load (see workpaper) <sup>(e)</sup>	(1,034,686)	(1,175,033)	(1,458,150)	(556,176)
12	Total Revenue at ESP Rates	\$1,365,596,280	\$1,488,792,561	\$1,774,209,472	\$770,563,676
	Other Benefits of ESP (Per Stipulation) <sup>(I)</sup>				
13	Economic Development	\$1,150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
14	Weatherization/Fuel Fund	1,700,000		-	
15	Total Other Quantifiable Unconditional Benefits	\$2,850,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
16	Present Value <sup>(s)</sup> of MRO Revenue	\$4,586,339,265			
17	Present Value <sup>(g)</sup> of ESP Revenue	\$4,524,279,806			
18	Net Benefit of ESP to Customers (ESP v. MRO)	\$62,059,459			
	Other Assumptions	7			
19	Projected Total Retail Sales (MWh) (h)		20,810,354	21,177,162	8,664,268
20	Projected Total PIPP Sales (MWh) <sup>(I)</sup>	297,409	302,298	307,627	125,860

Notes: <sup>(a)</sup> The table below includes only quantifiable benefits. See Supplemental Testimony of Julia S. Janson for other benefits of the ESP Stipulation filed on October 24, 2011

<sup>(b)</sup> As shown in the Direct Testimony of Judah L. Rose, Exhibit B.

<sup>(c)</sup> As shown in the Direct Testimony of Judah L. Rose, Exhibit BB.

<sup>(d)</sup> Per Stipulation, Rider ESSC set at \$110 million per year, subject to true-up.

(e) Per Stipulation, PIPP Discount is 5% of Residential PTC, excluding AER-R, (i.e., Rider RC+Rider RE+Rider SCR+Rider RTO).

(f) Includes shareholder contributions to various entities per Stipulation. Stipulation provides for additional funding for years after 2012 subject to meeting earnings thresholds for Duke Energy Ohio. Only 2012 amounts are shown as these are the only contribution: that are guaranteed per the Stipulation.

(s) Discounted at weighted-average cost of capital as shown in Attachment WDW-1 of Direct Testimony of William Don Wathen Jr.

<sup>(h)</sup> Projected MWh sales, at the meter, as shown in Attachment WDW-2 of Direct Testimony of William Don Wathen Jr.

<sup>(i)</sup> Current PIPP MWh sales escalated at overall growth in load.

### Duke Energy Ohio Rate Design Worksheet (Residential Classes)

Workpaper

	Jan '12-Dec '12	Jan '13-Dec '13	Jan '14-Dec '14	Jan '15-May '15
Rider RC				
Summer: First 1,000 kWh	\$0.011961	\$0.009949	\$0.020238	\$0.013258
Summer: Over 1.000 kWh	0.015893	0.013220	0.026891	0.017617
Winter: First 1.000 kWh	0.011961	0.009949	0.020238	0.013258
Winter: Over 1,000 kWh	0.002760	0.002296	0.004669	0.003059
Rider RE				
Summer: First 1,000 kWh	\$0.061469	\$0.071962	\$0.079937	\$0.07993 <b>7</b>
Summer: Over 1,000 kWh	0.073135	0.085620	0.095108	0.095108
Winter: First 1,000 kWh	0.061469	0.071962	0.079937	0.079937
Winter: Over 1,000 kWh	0.034168	0.040001	0.044434	0.044434
Rider SCR				
All kWh	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0.000000
Rider RTO				
All kWh	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0.000000	\$0.000000
Total RS Price-to-Compare				
Summer: First 1,000 kWh	\$0.073430	\$0.081912	\$0.100176	\$0.093195
Summer: Over 1,000 kWh	0.089028	0.098840	0.122000	0.112725
Winter: First 1,000 kWh	0.073430	0.081912	0.100176	0.093195
Winter: Over 1,000 kWh	0.036928	0.042297	0.049104	0.047493
Total RS Billing Determinants				
Summer: First 1,000 kWh	1,817,099,832	1,846,971,898	1,879,527,042	768,975,843
Summer: Over 1,000 kWh	936,108,126	951,497,200	968,268,504	396,150,240
Winter: First 1,000 kWh	3,187,489,838	3,239,890,319	3,296,997,357	1,348,909,202
Winter: Over 1,000 kWh	1,145,637,349	1,164,470,961	1,184,996,190	484,820,608
Total kWh for RS	7,086,335,145	7,202,830,378	7,329,789,093	2,998,855,894
Total Residential ESP Revenue	\$493,132,687	\$559,972,553	\$694,877,649	\$265,058,770
Average Residential ESP Rate	\$0.069589	\$0.077743	\$0.094802	\$0.088387
PIPP Discount (@ 5%)	(\$0.003479)	(\$0.003887)	(\$0.004740)	(\$0.004419)

Name of Respondent	This Report Is:	Date of Report	Year/Period of Report
Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.	<ul> <li>(1) X An Original</li> <li>(2) A Resubmission</li> </ul>	(Mo, Da, Yr) / /	End of 2011/Q4
L	ONG-TERM DEBT (Account 221, 222,	223 and 224)	

1. Report by balance sheet account the particulars (details) concerning long-term debt included in Accounts 221, Bonds, 222,

Reacquired Bonds, 223, Advances from Associated Companies, and 224, Other long-Term Debt.

2. In column (a), for new issues, give Commission authorization numbers and dates.

For bonds assumed by the respondent, include in column (a) the name of the issuing company as well as a description of the bonds.
 For advances from Associated Companies, report separately advances on notes and advances on open accounts. Designate

demand notes as such. Include in column (a) names of associated companies from which advances were received.

5. For receivers, certificates, show in column (a) the name of the court -and date of court order under which such certificates were issued.

6. In column (b) show the principal amount of bonds or other long-term debt originally issued.

7. In column (c) show the expense, premium or discount with respect to the amount of bonds or other long-term debt originally issued.

8. For column (c) the total expenses should be listed first for each issuance, then the amount of premium (in parentheses) or discount.

Indicate the premium or discount with a notation, such as (P) or (D). The expenses, premium or discount should not be netted. 9. Furnish in a footnote particulars (details) regarding the treatment of unamortized debt expense, premium or discount associated with issues redeemed during the year. Also, give in a footnote the date of the Commission's authorization of treatment other than as specified by the Uniform System of Accounts.

Line	Class and Series of Obligation, Coupon Rate	Principal Amount	Total expense,
No.	(For new issue, give commission Authorization numbers and dates)	Of Debt issued	Premium or Discount
	(a)	(b)	(C)
1	Account 221 - First Mortgage Bonds		
2			
3	Ohio Air Quality Development 1995 Series A	42,000,000	272,300
4			149,265 D
5	Ohio Air Quality Development 1995 Series B	42,000,000	272,300
6			149,265 D
7	Ohio Air Quality Development 2002 Series A	42,000,000	1,245,167
8			
9	Ohio Air Quality Development 2002 Series B	42,000,000	1,245,167
10			4
11	Ohio Air Quality Development Revenue Refunding 2007 Series A	25,300,000	298,823
12			
13	Ohio Water Development 2007 Revenue Refunding Series A	21,400,000	327,212
14			
15	5.45% First Mortgage Bonds Due 2019	450,000,000	2,174,657
16			180,000 D
17	2.10% First Mortgage Bonds Due 2013	250,000,000	687,500
18			42,500 D
19	Ohio Air Quality Development 2004 Series A	47,000,000	799,672
20			· · ·
21	Ohio Air Quality Development 2004 Series B	47,000,000	799,672
22			
23	Subtotal Account 221	1,008,700,000	8,643,500
24			
25	Account 222 & 223 - None		
26			
27	Account 224 - Notes Payable		
28			
29	6.9% Unsecured Debentures Due in 2025	150,000,000	4,839,412
30			975,000 D
31	5.70% Debentures Due in 2012	500,000,000	3,671,910
32			180,000 D
33	TOTAL	2,205,970,887	60,617,610

Name of Respondent	This Report Is:	Date of Report	Year/Period of Report
Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.	(1) X An Original (2) A Resubmission	(Mo, Da, Yr) / /	End of 2011/Q4
	LONG-TERM DEBT (Account 221, 222, 22)	3 and 224) (Continued)	

10. Identify separate undisposed amounts applicable to issues which were redeemed in prior years.

11. Explain any debits and credits other than debited to Account 428, Amortization and Expense, or credited to Account 429, Premium on Debt - Credit.

12. In a footnote, give explanatory (details) for Accounts 223 and 224 of net changes during the year. With respect to long-term advances, show for each company: (a) principal advanced during year, (b) interest added to principal amount, and (c) principle repaid during year. Give Commission authorization numbers and dates.

13. If the respondent has pledged any of its long-term debt securities give particulars (details) in a footnote including name of pledgee and purpose of the pledge.

14. If the respondent has any long-term debt securities which have been nominally issued and are nominally outstanding at end of year, describe such securities in a footnote.

15. If interest expense was incurred during the year on any obligations retired or reacquired before end of year, include such interest expense in column (i). Explain in a footnote any difference between the total of column (i) and the total of Account 427, interest on Long-Term Debt and Account 430, Interest on Debt to Associated Companies.

16. Give particulars (details) concerning any long-term debt authorized by a regulatory commission but not yet issued.

Naminal Data	Data of	AMORTIZ	ATION PERIOD	Outstanding (Total amount outstanding without		Line
of Issue (d)	Maturity (e)	Date From (f)	Date To (g)	reduction for amounts held by respondent) (h)	Amount (i)	No.
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·						1
				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	·	2
09/01/95	09/01/30	09/01/95	09/01/30	42,000,000	233,577	3
09/01/95	09/01/30	09/01/95	09/01/30	42 000 000	196 640	
						<u> </u>
09/10/02	09/01/37	09/10/02	09/01/37	42,000,000	541,327	7
						8
09/10/02	09/01/37	09/10/02	09/01/37	42,000,000	352,671	9
						10
10/11/07	01/01/24	10/11/07	01/01/24	25,300,000	202,042	11
						12
10/11/07	01/01/24	10/11/07	01/01/24	21,400,000	164,155	13
					-	14
03/23/09	04/01/19	03/23/09	04/01/19	450,000,000	24,525,000	15
12/14/09	06/15/13	12/14/09	06/15/13	250,000,000	5,250,000	17
		· · ·				18
11/10/04	11/01/39	11/18/04	11/01/39	47,000,000	547,953	19
						20
11/10/04	11/01/39	11/18/04	11/01/39	47,000,000	547,032	21
			:			22
				1,008,700,000	32,560,397	23
						24
					-	25
						26
						27
						28
06/01/95	06/01/25	06/01/95	06/01/25	150,000,000	10,350,000	29
		4.				30
09/23/02	09/15/12	09/23/02	09/15/12	500,000,000	28,500,000	31
				l l		32
		1 (* 1978) 1		2,212,629,742	95,013,265	33

#### DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	31,			
(in millions)	2012	2011		2010
Operating Revenues				
Regulated electric	\$ 1,386	\$ 1,518	\$	1,823
Non-regulated electric and other	1,295	1,105		885
Regulated natural gas	471	558		621
Total operating revenues	3,152	3,181		3,329
Operating Expenses				
Fuel used in electric generation and purchased power - regulated	475	380		490
Fuel used in electric generation and purchased power - non-regulated	832	653		465
Cost of natural gas	142	209		269
Operation, maintenance and other	797	885		836
Depreciation and amortization	338	335		400
Property and other taxes	224	260		260
Goodwill and other impairment charges	2	89		837
Total operating expenses	2,810	2,811		3,557
Gains on Sales of Other Assets and Other, net	7	5		3
Operating Income (Loss)	349	375		(225)
Other Income and Expenses, net	13	19		25
Interest Expense	89	104		109
Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes	273	290		(309)
Income Tax Expense	98	96		132
Net Income (Loss)	175	194		(441)
Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), net of tax				
Reclassification from earnings into cash flow hedges <sup>(a)</sup>	_	—		(1)
Pension and OPEB adjustments <sup>(b)</sup>	27	(6)		8
Comprehensive Income (Loss)	\$ 202	\$ 188	\$	(434)

(a) Net of \$1 million tax benefit in 2010.

(b) Net of \$8 million tax expense in 2012, insignificant tax expense in 2011 and \$4 million tax expense in 2010.

#### DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in millions)	Dec	ember 31, 2012	De	ecember 31, 2011
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	31	\$	99
Receivables (net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$2 at December 31, 2012and \$16 at December 31, 2011)	•	108	•	137
Receivables from affiliated companies		82		143
Notes receivable from affiliated companies		1		401
Inventory		227		243
Other		267		220
Total current assets		716		1.243
Investments and Other Assets				,
Goodwill		921		921
Intanaibles, net		129		143
Other		75		58
Total investments and other assets		1.125		1,122
Property, Plant and Equipment		-,		.,
Cost		10.824		10.632
Accumulated depreciation and amortization		(2.698)		(2,594)
Net property plant and equipment		8,126		8.038
Regulatory Assets and Deferred Debits		0,120		0,000
Regulatory assets		579		520
Other		14		16
Total regulatory assets and deferred debits		593		536
Total Assets	\$	10 560	\$	10 939
	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	10,000
	¢	219	¢	319
Accounts payable	φ	62	φ	84
Notes payable to affiliated companies		245		
Taxas accrued		159		180
		14		23
Current maturities of long-term debt		261		507
Other		126		122
Total current liabilities		1 185		1 234
		1,105		2 0/18
Deferred Credite and Other Liphilities		1,750		2,040
Deferred income taxes		1.853		1.853
		6		8
Accrued nension and other post-retirement benefit costs		157		147
Asset retirement obligations		28		27
Regulatory liabilities		254		273
Other		175		182
Total deferred credits and other liabilities		2,473		2,490
Commitments and Contingencies				
Common Stockholder's Equity				
Common stock, \$8.50 par value, 120,000,000 shares authorized; 89,663,086 shares outstanding at December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011		762		762
Additional paid-in capital		4,882		5,085
Accumulated deficit		(477)		(652)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(1)		(28)
Total common stockholder's equity		5,166		5,167
Total Liabilities and Common Stockholder's Equity	\$	10,560	\$	10,939

### DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

		Yea	rs Er	ded Decem	ber 3	1,	
(in millions)		2012		2011		2010	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES							
Net income (loss)	\$	175	\$	194	\$	(441)	
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:							
Depreciation and amortization		342		338		403	
Gains on sales of other assets and other, net		(7)		(5)		(3)	
Impairment charges		2		89		837	
Deferred income taxes		61		190		17	
Accrued pension and other post-retirement benefit costs		11		14		12	
Contributions to qualified pension plans		_		(48)		(45)	
(Increase) decrease in							
Net realized and unrealized mark-to-market and hedging transactions		(5)		(8)		(18)	
Receivables		29		10		191	
Receivables from affiliated companies		61		98		(221)	
Inventory		15		11		15	
Other current assets		(62)		(24)		71	
Increase (decrease) in							
Accounts payable		5		(33)		87	
Accounts payable to affiliated companies		(22)		1		(108)	
Taxes accrued		(24)		8		25	
Other current liabilities		(21)		(3)		6	
Other assets		_		(61)		42	
Other liabilities		(116)		47		(15)	
Net cash provided by operating activities		444		818		855	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES							
Capital expenditures		(514)		(499)		(446)	
Net proceeds from the sales of other assets		82					
Notes receivable from affiliated companies		400		79		(296)	
Change in restricted cash		_		(26)			
Other		6		(3)		2	
Net cash used in investing activities		(26)		(449)		(740)	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		()		()		(11)	
Proceeds from the issuance of long-term debt		_		_		34	
Payments for the redemption of long-term debt		(556)		(9)		(36)	
Notes payable and commercial paper		(000)		(0)		(12)	
Notes payable to affiliated companies		245		_		()	
Dividends to parent		(175)		(485)		_	
Other				(4)			
Net cash used in financing activities		(486)		(498)		(14)	
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents		(68)		(129)		101	
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		99		228		127	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	31	\$	99	\$	228	
	Ψ		Ψ	00	Ψ	220	
Supplemental Disclosures:	¢	02	¢	100	¢	100	
Cash paid for interest, net of amount capitalized	¢	93	¢	(100)	ф Ф	108	
Cash palu (IECEIVEU) IOI IIICUITE laxes	φ	10	φ	(102)	φ	114	
	¢	24	¢	10	¢	40	
Transfer of Vermillion Generating Station to Duke Energy Indiana	¢	28	φ \$	40	φ ¢	40	

DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION - DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC - PROGRESS ENERGY, INC. – CAROLINA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY d/b/a PROGRESS ENERGY CAROLINAS, INC. – FLORIDA POWER CORPORATION d/b/a PROGRESS ENERY FLORIDA, INC. - DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC. - DUKE ENERGY INDIANA, INC.

#### Combined Notes To Consolidated Financial Statements – (Continued)

				Year Ende	ed De	cember 3	3 <b>1, 20</b> 1	1	
(in millions)	Fra	Franchised Electric		Total Reportable Segment		Other		inations	Total
Unaffiliated revenues <sup>(a)</sup>	\$	8,936	\$	8,936	\$	12	\$	—	\$ 8,948
Affiliated revenues		3		3		—		(3)	_
Total revenues	\$	8,939	\$	8,939	\$	12	\$	(3)	\$ 8,948
Interest expense	\$	423	\$	423	\$	324	\$	(22)	\$ 725
Depreciation and amortization		683		683		18		—	701
Income tax expense (benefit)		436		436		(113)		_	323
Segment income <sup>(a)(b)</sup>		853		853		(273)			580
Add back noncontrolling interest component									7
Income from discontinued operations, net of tax									(5)
Net income									582
Capital investment expenditures and acquisitions		2,239		2,239		17		—	2,256
Segment assets		34,166		34,166		765		_	34,931

(a) Franchised Electric recorded a \$173 million charge, net of tax of \$115 million, for the amount to be refunded to customers through the fuel clause in accordance with the FPSC's 2012 settlement agreement. See Note 4 for additional information.

(b) Other includes after-tax costs to achieve the merger with Duke Energy of \$33 million, net of tax of \$22 million. See Note 2 for additional information.

				Year Ende	ed Dee	cember :	31, 20 <sup>-</sup>	10	
(in millions)		Franchised Electric		Total portable egment	0	ther	Eliminations		Total
Unaffiliated revenues	\$	10,207	\$	10,207	\$	16	\$		\$ 10,223
Affiliated revenues		2		2		_		(2)	_
Total revenues	\$	10,209	\$	10,209	\$	16	\$	(2)	\$ 10,223
Interest expense	\$	444	\$	444	\$	332	\$	(29)	\$ 747
Depreciation and amortization		905		905		15			920
Income tax expense (benefit)		627		627		(88)			539
Segment income		1,045		1,045		(185)			860
Add back noncontrolling interest component									7
Income from discontinued operations, net of tax									(4)
Net income									863
Capital investment expenditures and acquisitions		2,437		2,437		32		(24)	2,445
Segment assets		32,475		32,475		450		(39)	32,886

#### **Duke Energy Ohio**

Duke Energy Ohio has two reportable operating segments, Franchised Electric and Gas and Commercial Power.

Franchised Electric and Gas transmits and distributes electricity in southwestern Ohio and generates, transmits, distributes and sells electricity in northern Kentucky. Franchised Electric and Gas also transports and sells natural gas in southwestern Ohio and northern Kentucky. It conducts operations primarily through Duke Energy Ohio and its wholly owned subsidiary, Duke Energy Kentucky.

Commercial Power owns, operates and manages power plants and engages in the wholesale marketing and procurement of electric power, fuel and emission allowances related to these plants, as well as other contractual positions. Duke Energy Ohio's Commercial Power reportable operating segment does not include the operations of DEGS or Duke Energy Retail, which are included in the Commercial Power reportable operating segment at Duke Energy.

The remainder of Duke Energy Ohio's operations is presented as Other. While it is not considered an operating segment, Other primarily includes certain governance costs allocated by its parent, Duke Energy. See Note 14 for additional information. All of Duke Energy Ohio's revenues are generated domestically and its long-lived assets are all in the U.S.

#### PART II

DUKE ENERGY CORPORATION - DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC - PROGRESS ENERGY, INC. – CAROLINA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY d/b/a PROGRESS ENERGY CAROLINAS, INC. – FLORIDA POWER CORPORATION d/b/a PROGRESS ENERY FLORIDA, INC. - DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC. - DUKE ENERGY INDIANA, INC.

#### Combined Notes To Consolidated Financial Statements – (Continued)

#### **Business Segment Data**

					Ye	ar Ended D	ece	ember 31, 2	012	2		
	Fra	anchised				Total						
	Ele	ctric and	С	ommercial	R	eportable					Сс	onsolidated
(in millions)		Gas		Power	S	egments		Other		Eliminations		Total
Unaffiliated revenues <sup>(a)</sup>	\$	1,745	\$	1,407	\$	3,152	\$		\$		\$	3,152
Intersegment revenues		1		51		52		_		(52)		_
Total revenues	\$	1,746	\$	1,458	\$	3,204	\$		\$	(52)	\$	3,152
Interest expense	\$	61	\$	28	\$	89	\$	_	\$	_	\$	89
Depreciation and amortization		179		159		338				<u> </u>		338
Income tax expense (benefit)		91		25		116		(18)		_		98
Segment income		159		50		209		(34)				175
Net income												175
Capital expenditures		427		87		514						514
Segment assets		6,434		4,175		10,609		117		(166)		10,560

(a) Duke Energy Ohio earned approximately 36% of its consolidated operating revenues from PJM Settlements, Inc. in 2012, all of which is included in the Commercial Power segment. These revenues relate to the sale of capacity and electricity from Commercial Power's nonregulated generation assets.

	Fr	anchised			Total						
	Ele	ectric and	C	ommercial	R	eportable				Co	onsolidated
(in millions)		Gas		Power	S	egments	Other	E	Eliminations		Total
Unaffiliated revenues <sup>(a)</sup>	\$	1,474	\$	1,707	\$	3,181	\$ _	\$	_	\$	3,181
Intersegment revenues		—		4		4	—		(4)		—
Total revenues	\$	1,474	\$	1,711	\$	3,185	\$ —	\$	(4)	\$	3,181
Interest expense	\$	68	\$	36	\$	104	\$ _	\$	_	\$	104
Depreciation and amortization		168		167		335			<u> </u>		335
Income tax expense (benefit)		98		6		104	(8)		_		96
Segment income <sup>(b)</sup>		133		78		211	(17)		—		194
Net income											194
Capital expenditures		375		124		499					499
Segment assets		6,293		4,740		11,033	259		(353)		10,939

(a) Duke Energy Ohio earned approximately 24% of its consolidated operating revenues from PJM Interconnection, LLC (PJM) in 2011, all of which is included in the Commercial Power segment. These revenues relate to the sale of capacity and electricity from Commercial Power's nonregulated generation assets.

(b) Commercial Power recorded an after-tax impairment charge of \$51 million, net of tax of \$28 million, during the year ended December 31, 2011, to write-down the carrying value of certain emission allowances. See Note 12 for additional information.

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	Franchised Electric and			ommercial	R	Total eportable				Co	onsolidated
(in millions)		Gas		Power	S	egments	Other	l	Eliminations		Total
Unaffiliated revenues <sup>(a)</sup>	\$	1,623	\$	1,706	\$	3,329 \$	_	\$	_	\$	3,329
Intersegment revenues		_		5		5	_		(5)		_
Total revenues	\$	1,623	\$	1,711	\$	3,334 \$		\$	(5)	\$	3,329
Interest expense	\$	68	\$	41	\$	109	_	\$	_	\$	109
Depreciation and amortization		226		174		400			_		400
Income tax expense (benefit)		106		40		146	(14)		—		132
Segment loss <sup>(b)(c)</sup>		(61)		(361)		(422)	(19)		_		(441)
Net loss											(441)
Capital expenditures		353		93		446			_		446
Segment assets		6,258		4,821		11,079	192		(247)		11,024

(a) Duke Energy Ohio earned approximately 13% of its consolidated operating revenues from PJM in 2010, all of which is included in the Commercial Power segment. These revenues relate to the sale of capacity and electricity from Commercial Power's nonregulated generation assets.

(b) Franchised Electric and Gas recorded an impairment charge of \$216 million related to the Ohio Transmission and Distribution reporting unit. This impairment charge was not applicable to Duke Energy as this reporting unit has a lower carrying value at Duke Energy.

(c) Commercial Power recorded impairment charges of \$621 million, which consisted of a \$461 million goodwill impairment charge associated with the nonregulated Midwest generation operations and a \$102 million charge, net of tax of \$58 million, to write-down the value of certain nonregulated Midwest generating assets and emission allowances primarily associated with these generation assets.

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# Overview

- Although the Duke Energy Corp. board of directors claimed a good faith exercise of its fiduciary duty in appointing a new CEO following the close of the merger with Progress Energy Inc., we view the lack of transparency associated with this process and with some board members--and which resulted in regulatory hearings and investigations in North Carolina--as significantly heightening regulatory risk for Duke Energy and weakening its consolidated business risk profile.
- We are lowering our corporate credit ratings on Duke Energy and its subsidiaries to 'BBB+' from 'A-' and are affirming our 'A-2' short-term rating on Duke Energy. We are removing the ratings from CreditWatch with negative implications.
- We are affirming our corporate credit rating on Progress Energy and its subsidiaries at 'BBB+' and are affirming our 'A-2' short-term rating. We are removing the ratings from CreditWatch with developing implications.
- The negative outlook on Duke Energy and its subsidiaries reflects the potential for lower ratings over the next 12 to 18 months if the company fails to deal with increased regulatory risk in North Carolina and Florida and to effectively manage the integration of the two companies.

(Watch the related CreditMatters TV segment titled, "Duke Energy: What Sparked Standard & Poor's Rating Actions," dated July 27, 2012.)

# **Rating Action**

On July 25, 2012, Standard & Poor's Ratings Services lowered its corporate credit ratings on Duke Energy Corp. and its subsidiaries, Duke Energy Carolinas LLC, Duke Energy Ohio Inc., Duke Energy Indiana Inc., and Duke Energy Kentucky Inc., to 'BBB+' from 'A-'. We lowered the rating on Duke Energy's senior unsecured debt to 'BBB' from 'BBB+' and lowered the rating on Duke Energy Kentucky's senior unsecured debt to 'BBB+' from 'A-'. We affirmed the ratings on first-mortgage bonds of Duke Energy Carolinas, Duke Energy Ohio, and Duke Energy Indiana at 'A' and we affirmed the 'A-2' short-term ratings on Duke Energy. We removed the ratings from CreditWatch, where we placed them with negative implications on July 3, 2012.
At the same time, we affirmed the 'BBB+' corporate credit ratings on Progress Energy Inc. and its subsidiaries, Progress Energy Carolinas Inc. and Progress Energy Florida Inc. We also affirmed the 'BBB' rating on Progress Energy's senior unsecured debt and the 'A' ratings on first mortgage bonds of Progress Energy Carolinas and Progress Energy Florida. In addition, we affirmed the 'A-2' short-term ratings on Progress Energy and its subsidiaries. We removed the ratings from CreditWatch, where we placed them with developing implications on July 3, 2012.

Following the close of the merger with Duke Energy, Progress Energy is now a wholly owned subsidiary of Duke Energy.

The outlook on the ratings on Duke Energy and all its subsidiaries is negative.

# Rationale

The ratings downgrade on Duke Energy and its subsidiaries stems from our view that abrupt leadership changes at the company have heightened regulatory risk in North Carolina and likely in Florida, significantly weakening the company's consolidated "excellent" business risk profile under our criteria. Our assessment of business risk incorporates the impact of the unexpected change in management on the company's regulatory relations (but not the actual change itself) and our view that the company may not be able to realize timely and constructive regulatory outcomes in North Carolina and Florida, two of its largest jurisdictions. In North Carolina, Duke Energy is preparing to file for two major rate-case increases and in Florida it needs to address the status of the Crystal River 3 nuclear plant, which has been out of service since August 2009. These concerns are compounded by the manifestly poor risk management that "legacy" Duke Energy demonstrated with its Edwardsport project in Indiana.

Following the unexpected change in CEO upon the close of Duke Energy's merger with Progress Energy, the North Carolina Utilities Commission (NCUC) initiated hearings and an investigation into the change in management. We believe the decision to change the CEO immediately after his appointment was a foregone conclusion. While an inability to act decisively is often an attribute of poor governance, in our opinion circumstances such as these are not a manifestation of good governance. What we believe to be deficient governance processes are combined with the lack of transparency on key information--which has become evident in the steps leading up to the merger of Progress and Duke. As a result, we think that management and the board have a journey ahead to restore their credibility with regulators and in the marketplace.

We will continue to monitor how the company's board and executive management navigate these issues, including CEO succession planning, the impact of any further executive or board departures, combining the two corporate cultures in a cohesive fashion to realize expected synergies, and assess the impact of changes in the regulatory environment.

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Duke Energy's "excellent" business risk profile accounts for the benefits of its large and diverse U.S. regulated utility operations that serve more than 7 million customers across six states. These benefits are offset by several challenges the company faces as well as the risk introduced by its nonregulated operations, which include a largely uncontracted merchant generation fleet in the U.S. Midwest and merchant generation operations in Central and South America.

The regulated utility subsidiaries operate under generally credit-supportive regulatory environments that provide for slightly below-average returns but have timely recovery of fuel and other variable costs. The utility operations benefit from operating, regulatory, and economic diversity in service territories that range from average to attractive and span six states. Duke Energy's regulated generation operations have high availability and capacity utilization factors and rates that are competitive for the regions of operations. At the same time, Duke Energy's capital spending program is large, totaling between \$6 billion and \$6.5 billion per year through 2015. The capital spending program could increase somewhat to address operational issues at some of Progress Energy's nuclear power plants. Since about 90% of that planned capital spending is for the regulated operations, Duke Energy's regulated utilities will need regular rate relief to recover the invested capital in a timely manner while still preserving the overall "significant" financial risk profile. As a result, ineffective management of regulatory risk that leads to detrimental rate-case outcomes will further weaken the consolidated business risk profile and move it to the "strong" category. Even though recent rate-case outcomes in North Carolina and South Carolina were supportive and established a constructive beginning to Duke's multiyear effort to place several large generating stations in rate base, this pattern could erode as a result of the recent change in management and subsequent NCUC investigation which could delay important future rate-case filings and the associated rate increases, leading to a weaker financial risk profile in the near to intermediate term.

Progress Energy Florida's biggest challenge during 2012 will be to reach a conclusion regarding the repair or retirement of the Crystal River 3 nuclear plant that encountered significant structural problems and has been off-line since 2009. The company reached a settlement agreement with various intervenors, that the Florida Public Service Commission subsequently approved, which provides it with an effective framework to make prudent decisions regarding the plant. However, the change in management at Duke Energy combined with the short time frame remaining to make decisions without incurring additional financial burdens and exposure poses significant risks. The company may find it difficult to address these issues in a constructive manner while still preserving satisfactory regulatory relations. Duke Energy's decision regarding Crystal River 3 is also complicated by the apparent lack of progress and clarity in its negotiations with its insurance provider. Progress Energy Florida's proposal to repair the unit instead of retiring it could take until 2014 to complete at a cost estimate of \$900 million to \$1.3 billion. Should the company opt to repair the plant, it runs the risk that upon completion of

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the repairs similar structural problems could re-surface, while any repairs that change the original licensing basis of the unit could require the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's approval.

In Indiana, the company's 618-megawatt (MW) Edwardsport integrated gasification combined cycle unit is currently completing construction. Significant cost increases at the project resulted in a settlement agreement with various intervenors that capped the total cost of the project at \$2.6 billion and caused an impairment of about \$400 million in the first quarter of 2012. This impairment was in addition to earlier impairments of \$266 million. The settlement agreement mitigates the uncertainty surrounding Duke Energy Indiana's cost recovery for the plant, although even if the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission renders a decision in a timely basis in late 2012, we don't expect recovery of the investment in Edwardsport to commence until mid-2013. In addition to receiving approval for the Edwardsport settlement, Duke Energy must also demonstrate satisfactory operation of the plant once construction is complete, which is the first of its kind in the industry and therefore carries significant risk.

Duke Energy Ohio's latest electric security plan (ESP) went into effect in January 2012 and expires in May 2015. Customer and margin losses experienced under the previous ESP due to greater competition and low market prices for generation in Ohio had eroded financial results and resulted in higher business risk in the state. The new ESP allows Duke Energy Ohio to collect \$330 million over three years, which can help support the company's financial profile. As a result, Duke has managed to restore its ability to earn a stable and fair return on the bulk of its Ohio assets at least through 2015. The Midwest gas-fired assets that were never regulated now have a completely market-based orientation.

Standard & Poor's ascribes significantly higher business risk to Duke Energy's international operations due to the uncertainty of the local political and regulatory environments in the countries where it operates: Argentina, Brazil, Peru, and Saudi Arabia. The Latin American assets have been self-funding, although we discount cash flow from overseas operations in our analysis of Duke Energy's ability to service the U.S. rated debt. Any substantial capital spending at the international operations could have negative ratings implications, depending on the risk profile of the investments pursued. While Duke Energy is also planning to increase its renewable generation business, our expectation is that the company will finance such investments in a credit-neutral manner and under a model that minimizes market exposure risk through long-term contracts with suitable counterparties. Any substantial acceleration in the growth of this segment could also negatively affect ratings.

Duke's consolidated financial risk profile is "significant" under our criteria. Historical credit metrics have been steady despite large capital projects, benefiting from low debt leverage. We expect that the financial profile can be materially influenced by the timing of future rate-case filings as well as the company's ability to harvest the proposed cost savings, which are in addition to the \$650 million cost savings guaranteed to the ratepayers of North and South Carolina over five years with an 18-month extension, if necessary. We expect adjusted debt leverage to range from 50% to 52%, and adjusted funds from operations (FFO) to total debt to be just over 18% over the next few years, assuming regulatory outcomes remain constructive.

## Liquidity

The short-term rating on Duke Energy is 'A-2' and largely reflects the company's long-term corporate credit rating and our expectation of ongoing stable regulated utility operations that generate the bulk of cash flows. Duke's ability to absorb high-impact, low-probability events with limited need for refinancing, its flexibility to lower capital spending or sell assets, its sound bank relationships, its solid standing in credit markets, and generally prudent risk management further support our description of liquidity as "adequate" under our criteria.

Duke manages the liquidity needs of all its subsidiaries. We assess its liquidity as adequate based on the following factors and assumptions:

- We expect the company's liquidity sources (including FFO, and credit facility availability) over the next 12 months to exceed its uses by more than 1.2x. Debt maturities over the next year are manageable.
- Even if EBITDA declines by 20%, we believe net sources will be well in excess of liquidity requirements.
- The company has good relationships with its banks, in our assessment, and has a good standing in the credit markets.

Duke Energy and its subsidiaries have a total of about \$6 billion in credit facilities expiring in November 2016; \$2 billion of that amount became available upon the close of the merger with Progress Energy. The master credit facility contains sublimits of \$1.75 billion for Duke Energy, \$1.25 billion for Duke Energy Carolinas, \$650 million for Duke Energy Ohio, \$750 million for Duke Energy Indiana, \$100 million for Duke Energy Kentucky, \$750 million for Progress Energy Carolinas, and \$750 million for Progress Energy Florida. Maturing long-term debt in the next 12 months totals about \$1.8 billion after accounting for debt already refinanced in 2012.

In our analysis, based on information available as of Dec. 31, 2011, as updated for the new facility, we assumed liquidity of about \$14 billion over the next 12 months, consisting of FFO, cash on hand, and availability under the credit facility. We estimate the company could use up to \$10 billion during the same period for capital spending, debt maturities, and shareholder dividends.

Duke's credit agreement includes a financial covenant requiring a maximum consolidated debt-to-capitalization ratio of 65% for each borrower. All were compliant as of March 31, 2012.

# Outlook

The negative outlook on Duke Energy and its subsidiaries reflects the potential for lower ratings over the next 12 to 18 months if the company fails to effectively address increased levels of regulatory risk in two of its largest jurisdictions, which would move the business risk profile to the "strong" category and at the same time lead to weaker credit protection measures. Our base-case projections for Duke Energy incorporate the possibility of delayed but constructive rate-case outcomes in North Carolina and credit-neutral regulatory developments in Florida regarding Crystal River 3. These factors are a floor for our expectations leading to adjusted FFO to total debt of about 18% and adjusted debt leverage of between 50% and 52% by 2014, which would support current ratings. However, if credit protection measures fall below expectations such that adjusted FFO to total debt is below 16% along with adjusted debt leverage that approaches 55% we will lower the corporate credit rating by one notch to 'BBB'. In light of pending operational challenges, we do not expect to assign a higher rating to Duke Energy in the intermediate term.

# **Related Criteria And Research**

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- Standard & Poor's Updates Its U.S. Utility Regulatory Assessments, March 12, 2010
- Business Risk/Financial Risk Matrix Expanded, May 27, 2009
- Analytical Methodology, April 15, 2008

# **Ratings List**

Downgraded; CreditWatch/Outlook Action; Short-Term Ratings Affirmed То From Duke Energy Corp. Duke Energy Ohio Inc. Duke Energy Indiana Inc. Duke Energy Carolinas LLC Cinergy Corp. Corporate Credit Rating BBB+/Negative/A-2 A-/Watch Neg/A-2 Downgraded; CreditWatch/Outlook Action То From Duke Energy Kentucky Inc. BBB+/Negative/-- A-/Watch Neg/--Corporate Credit Rating Ratings Affirmed; CreditWatch/Outlook Action/Recovery Ratings Unchanged то From

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Florida Progress Corp. Corporate Credit Rating	BBB+/Negative/	BBB+/Watch Dev/
Duke Energy Corp.		
Commercial Paper	A-2	A-2/Watch Neg
Carolina Power & Light Co. d/b/a Progres	as Energy Carolinas	Inc.
Senior Secured	A	A/Watch Dev
Recovery Rating	 1+	1+
Preferred Stock	BBB-	BBB-/Watch Dev
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Commercial Paper	A-2	A-2/Watch Neg
Duke Energy Carolinas LLC		
Senior Secured	А	A/Watch Neg
Recovery Rating	1+	1+
Duke Energy Indiana Inc		
Senior Secured	δ	A/Watch Neg
Pogowowy Pating	1	Aynacon Neg
Recovery Rating	74	7+
Duke Energy Ohio Inc.		
Senior Secured	А	A/Watch Neg
Recovery Rating	1+	1+
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Florida Power Corp. d/b/a Prograss Energy	av Florida Ind	
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Recovery Rating	74	74
Senior Unsecured	BBB+	BBB+/Watch Dev
Preferred Stock	BBB-	BBB-/Watch Dev
Commercial Paper	A-2	A-2/Watch Dev
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# 2014/2015 RPM Base Residual Auction Results

Table 5 – Generation, Demand Resources, and Energy Efficiency Resources Offered and Cleared Represented in Unforced **Capacity MW** 

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Auction Results (all values in UCAP**)	2008/2009	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014	2014/2015
Generation Offered	131,164.8	132,614.2	132,124.8	136,067.9	134,873.0	147,188.6	144,108.8
DR Offered	715.8	936.8	967.9	1,652.4	9,847.6	12,952.7	15,545.6
EE Offered					652.7	756.8	831.9
Total Offered	131,880.6	133,551.0	133,092.7	137,720.3	145,373.3	160,898.1	160,486.3
Generation Cleared	129,061.4	131,338.9	131,251.5	130,856.6	128,527.4	142,782.0	135,034.2
DR Cleared	536.2	892.9	939.0	1,364.9	7,047.2	9,281.9	14,118.4
EE Cleared	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	568.9	679.4	822.1
Total Cleared	129,597.6	132,231.8	132,190.5	132,221.5	136,143.5	152,743.3	149,974.7
Uncleared	2,283.0	1,319.2	902.2	5,498.8	9,229.8	8,154.8	10,511.6
* DTO sumbors include all LDAs							

KIO numbers include all LDAS

\*\* UCAP calculated using sell offer EFORd for Generation Resources. DR and EE UCAP values include appropriate FPR and DR Factor.

capacity resources, new demand resources, upgrades to existing demand resources, and new energy efficiency resources. The increase is partially offset by generation capacity derations to existing generation capacity resources to yield a net increase of 2,620.2 MW of Table 6 contains a summary of capacity additions and reductions from the 2007/2008 Base Residual Auction to the 2014/2015 Base Residual Auction. A total of 4,170.3 MW of incrementally new capacity in PJM was available for the 2014/2015 Base Residual Auction. This incrementally new capacity includes new generation capacity resources, capacity upgrades to existing generation installed capacity. Table 6 also illustrates the total amount of resource additions and reductions over eight Delivery Years since the implementation of the 15,480.9 MW of new demand resources and 733.4 MW of new energy efficiency resources were offered in the 2014/2015 auction. RPM construct. Over the period covering the first seven RPM Base Residual Auctions, 13,164.8 MW of new generation capacity was added which was partially offset by 8,894.8 MW of capacity de-ratings or retirements over the same period. Additionally, The total net increase in installed capacity in PJM over the period of the last seven RPM auctions was 20,557.4 MW

Exhibit JAL-14

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# Exhibit JAL-15

# Duke Energy Ohio Legacy Generation Assets Return on Equity

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Line	Description	2012	2013	2014
1	Adjusted Earnings Available for Common			
2	Average Net Equity (excluding Goodwill)			
3	Return on Equity	0.3%	2.7%	7.7%

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing *Testimony* was served this 26th day of March

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