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        BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO
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    In the Matter of the
    Consolidated Duke Energy : Case Nos. 03-93-EL-ATA
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    Ohio, Inc., Rate
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    Stabilization Plan
                                           03-2081-EL-AAM
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    Remand and Rider
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    Adjustment Cases.
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1	Tuesday Morning Session,
2	April 10, 2007.
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4	EXAMINER KINGERY: Let's go back on the
5	record, then. The Public Utilities Commission of
6	Ohio has called for hearing at this time and place
7	case number 03-93-EL-ATA and several other
8	consolidated cases being In the Matter of the
9	Consolidated Duke Energy - Ohio, Inc. Rate
10	Stabilization Plan Remand and Rider Adjustment cases.
11	My name is Jeanne Kingery, this is Scott
12	Farkas, we're the hearing examiners who have been
13	assigned to this proceeding.
14	This morning we are here for the start of
15	the second phase of this hearing, this being the
16	phase that relates to the rider adjustment cases.
17	Since we have a little bit different grouping here at
18	the table, we will go ahead and take appearances.
19	MR. D'ASCENZO: On behalf of Duke
20	Energy - Ohio, Rocco D'Ascenzo and Paul Colbert, 139
21	East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45201.
22	MR. NEILSEN: For Industrial Energy
23	Users - Ohio I am Daniel J. Neilsen with the offices
24	of McNees, Wallace & Nurick, 21 East State Street,

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- 2 EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you.
- MR. O'BRIEN: On behalf of the city of
- 4 | Cincinnati, Bricker & Eckler, LLP, by Sally W.
- 5 | Bloomfield and Thomas J. O'Brien, 100 South Third
- 6 | Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.
- 7 MR. BOEHM: Good morning. On behalf of
- 8 AK Steel and the Ohio Energy Group, I am David Boehm
- 9 of the law firm of Boehm, Kurtz & Lowry, 36 East
- 10 7th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202. Thank you.
- MS. MOONEY: On behalf of Ohio Partners
- 12 | for Affordable Energy, David C. Rinebolt and Colleen
- 13 L. Mooney, 231 West Lima Street, Findlay, Ohio.
- MR. SMALL: On behalf of the residential
- 15 | customers of Duke Energy Ohio, Janine
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- 19 Counsel, Ten West Broad Street, Suite 1800, Columbus,
- 20 Ohio 43215. Thank you.
- MR. REILLY: Thank you, your Honor. On
- 22 | behalf of the staff of the Public Utilities
- 23 | Commission of Ohio, Marc Dann, Ohio Attorney General,
- 24 | Duane Luckey, Section Chief, Tom McNamee, Werner

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MR. ROYER: Barth Royer, Bell & Royer
Co., LPA, 33 South Grant Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, on
behalf of Dominion Retail, Inc.

Okay. Before proceeding with anything else I would note that we have a motion to intervene from the city of Cincinnati that I believe has not been dealt with and there was no opposition, as I recall, to that intervention, and the intervention will be granted.

MR. O'BRIEN: Thank you, your Honor.

EXAMINER KINGERY: At this point we would like to discuss procedure a little bit. We're aware that just last night a stipulation was filed in our docketing division; was signed by some of the parties but not all the parties. It's not obvious from just a cursory glance whether it covers all of the issues according to those parties; it may.

Testimony in support of that stipulation was also filed and our first question would be, then, for those parties who did not sign the stipulation, are you planning to oppose?

MR. SMALL: Your Honor, the Ohio
Consumers' Counsel does oppose the stipulation that
was filed, and I'm not sure if you're just taking a
poll here, but we would like to bring up the matter
of opening up discovery regarding the stipulation at
the appropriate time.

EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you.

MS. MOONEY: OPAE also opposes the stipulation.

MR. NEILSEN: Your Honor, right now IEU Ohio does not support the stipulation, we do not
necessarily oppose it, but our position now is not
supporting. We have sent some suggestions around to
all parties regarding our issues and are attempting
to work that out with the companies, so to the extent
that is able to happen, we are willing to work with
the companies and other parties. At this point,
though, it's not supporting.

EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you.

MR. ROYER: Dominion Retail, Inc. takes no position on the stipulation.

EXAMINER KINGERY: For those parties, certainly those two parties who have stated that you will be planning to oppose, are we correct in

in opposition, or do you plan merely to cross-examine the witnesses in support of the stipulation?

MR. SMALL: For the OCC it would be our

MR. SMALL: For the OCC it would be our plan to put on one witness in opposition of the stipulation.

MS. MOONEY: We don't have any witnesses.

EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you. Just a

Okay, sorry for the break there. In light of the fact that we have an incomplete stipulation, we will need to create a record, a complete record, on the original underlying application as well as on the stipulation. The Commission may or may not adopt the stipulation, and we want to make sure that the Commission has a full record so that it can appropriately set the rates if it does not determine that it wishes to accept the stipulation as filed.

In addition, since we have testimony that was just filed in support of the stipulation, we will need to allow time for opposing parties to create and file testimony in opposition to the stipulation.

Now, I understand, Mr. Small, that you

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1 had suggested that you would need time for discovery. 2 Would you fill us in on what you're looking at in 3 terms of discovery so we can make some determination 4 about how that might fit in a schedule if it's 5 appropriate? 6 MR. SMALL: Do you mean as far as timing 7 or as far as substance? 8 EXAMINER KINGERY: Not substance from a 9 substantive standpoint, but are you looking for 10 something more than depositions? 11 MR. SMALL: Well, actually less than 12 depositions. What we're interested in doing is 13 sending out discovery, e-mail service, and would like 14 to suggest that we shorten the discovery response. 15 don't think it would be lengthy, it would probably 16 involve more than the company, but it probably would 17 not be lengthy, and I would suggest that we set a 18 schedule that has an even tighter turnaround to the

I'm not sure if I've answered -completely answered your question, but I'm willing to
discuss the schedule and other matters.

discovery than we have established earlier in the

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EXAMINER KINGERY: Does the stipulation

cover -- I'm trying to figure out why it is that at this point you would need additional discovery. Does the stipulation cover new substantive areas that you had not previously looked into?

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MR. SMALL: Well, among other things I would like to explore any additional agreements that may exist considering the proceeding and considering the parties, and I think that's a reasonable concern in this case.

MR. COLBERT: Your Honor, if we may, we will state for the record that there are no other agreements of any type between at least the company and any other party. So we'll state that on the record now.

Regardless of OCC's suspicions in that regard, there are no new facts introduced by the stipulation, there's been full discovery in these cases. We would oppose additional discovery.

There's simply no reason to prolong these cases for additional discovery when there are no new facts or issues that have been introduced. And the stipulation most certainly does not introduce anything new.

MR. SMALL: And it is not adequate for us

1 to accept Mr. Colbert's representation purely on the 2 part of Duke Energy - Ohio for obvious reasons. 3 MR. BOEHM: If it would help at all, your 4 Honor, I'd certainly be willing to do it, to make the 5 same representation on behalf of Ohio Energy Group. 6 I can understand where his suspicions come from, but 7 we're not that stupid. 8 EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you. 9 MR. O'BRIEN: As would I, your Honors. 10 EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you. 11 MR. REILLY: Your Honor, if I might, I 12 would just note that you have attorneys who are 13 certified or accepted to the bar before this 14 Commission making representations on the record to 15 this Commission that can have dire consequences if 16 they are, in fact, intentionally not true. I would 17 think that that would go to some degree to allay Mr. Small's fears. 18 19

EXAMINER KINGERY: Mr. Small?

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MR. SMALL: Well, I've already stated on the record that we have not had such representations to this point, so the argument is moot because we haven't had such representations by counsel.

MR. REILLY: Mr. Colbert just made it.

1 . MR. SMALL: He made it on behalf of Duke 2 Energy - Ohio. MR. COLBERT: I will make that 3 representation on behalf of every Duke Energy company 4 and affiliate whether in this case or not. 5 6 **EXAMINER KINGERY:** Thank you. 7 MR. COLBERT: You're welcome. EXAMINER KINGERY: Does that help? 8 9 MR. SMALL: No. MR. BOEHM: May I ask, your Honor? 10 I don't want to get involved, but is this 11 because you have something beyond the side agreements 12 you want to know, Jeff, or is this because you want 13 some greater degree of certainty than these 14 15 representations? I do have a matter that I'm 16 MR. SMALL: 17 particularly interested in inquiring into and I'm not satisfied that -- the answer might be -- the answer 18 19 very well might be "No, there's nothing responsive, 20 Mr. Small, to your inquiry," but, you know, I want to 21 ask the question. And as I said, the discovery would 22 be very, very short and should be answered very 23 quickly.

MR. BOEHM:

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    today.
                EXAMINER FARKAS: Mr. Small, who is it
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    that you want to ask these questions of?
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                MR. SMALL: Well, generally the
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    stipulating parties, but the --
                EXAMINER FARKAS: Well, if all the
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    stipulating parties --
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                MR. SMALL: If I could complete my
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    statement.
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                EXAMINER FARKAS:
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                MR. SMALL: One party in particular that
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    I would like to inquire of is People Working
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    Cooperatively.
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                MR. COLBERT: I will state on the record
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    there's no agreement between the companies and People
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    Working Cooperatively in regard to this case at all
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    from 2003 to the present.
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                MR. SMALL: Well, People Working
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    Cooperatively does have agreements with this company
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    that they do, stemming from the stipulation as far as
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company in Cincinnati. I would like to inquire into -- more into that matter.

MR. REILLY: I'm sorry, the weatherization programs in Cincinnati, do they have anything to do with this case?

MR. SMALL: Yes.

MR. REILLY: I'm a little concerned about this getting beyond the bounds of the rider cases.

We're not here on the broader remand case, we're here on the rider cases.

MS. MOONEY: Well, did People Working Cooperatively sign the stipulation?

MR. COLBERT: Yeah, they have signed the stipulation. The various weatherization contracts that People Working Cooperatively has, there are none of them that have anything to do -- certainly none of them recently that have anything to do with the stipulations in these cases.

On the public record in the original cases there was an extension of certain contracts not only for People Working Cooperatively, but for other parties as well. But those contracts preexisted and, again, were public, there's been an opportunity for full discovery on those, and there are no other --

there are no unknown agreements with People Working
Cooperatively and certainly nothing regarding
weatherization programs, energy efficiency programs,
or the like, and certainly nothing in relation to
these cases as they have developed over the last
number of years.

MR. SMALL: With that being said, the schedule that I would propose wouldn't really be delayed by the discovery that I propose; however, there are additional questions other than side agreements that the OCC would like to pose especially in light of Mr. Smith's testimony which basically says, and the stipulating parties say that they're not going to follow certain recommendations of the auditor in this case, and what the bounds or how that procedure would work if they're not going to observe the auditor's recommendations is also subject to the discovery that I'd like to conduct.

MS. MOONEY: Your Honor.

EXAMINER KINGERY: Yes, go ahead.

MS. MOONEY: Also, Mr. Smith testified that the stipulation was a product of serious bargaining among capable and knowledgeable people, didn't violate any important regulatory principle or

practices and other things involving a three-prong test.

And I also want to point out that I don't think the Commission wants to be in a position again of denying discovery on possible side agreements involved when a stipulation has been signed because the court's already said that such things are discoverable and you don't want to -- I wouldn't want to deny discovery, and I think a short recess to allow just a very short brief discovery period to get a discovery response -- formal discovery response regarding side agreements, determine if there's serious bargaining, I think that's what the Supreme Court has recommended the Commission do. So I want to add that.

MR. SMALL: I might elaborate on my comment that I don't think the discovery would actually cause any delay. We just received a stipulation in its final form, we just received the testimony in support of it. I stated earlier the OCC's intention to put on a witness, that testimony has not been drafted. We are going to work on it. We are going to need a little bit of time to do that. That could be the same time that we use for the

turnaround for a few questions of discovery.

by noon tomorrow, if the responses to the discovery could be received electronically by noon on Friday, and barring responses that say this is all irrelevant so that we don't have to have motions that compel that further delay this proceeding, we could be ready to go and serve the testimony in opposition to the stipulation by close of day on Tuesday and this proceeding could continue on Wednesday.

I don't see that the discovery matter is really delaying anything since we need time to draft the testimony anyway.

MR. BOEHM: Your Honor, may I ask counsel whether this means that he would be prepared to go ahead and cross-examine the company's testimony in support of the stipulation today?

MR. SMALL: Well, no, the concept is that we would put on three witnesses, the staff would put on a witness, the company would put on a witness, and the OCC would put on a witness next Wednesday is what I'm proposing.

MR. BOEHM: Instead of today?

MR. SMALL: That's correct.

MR. REILLY: Your Honor --

MR. COLBERT: If I may, your Honor, first, we have two witnesses here whose testimony was prefiled and everybody was aware of them, you know, long ago, Mr. Whitlock and Mr. Wathen, they're from out of town and we're prepared to go ahead with them today as we are, for that matter, with Mr. Smith.

I believe that at OCC's request the staff has brought in the auditors and Staff can certainly address that, but they are also here from out of town and there shouldn't be any reason why they can't go on today as well.

Regarding any further delay, frankly if Mr. Small gives us his discovery questions today, if they are in the nature that he has represented, we will answer them today because there is nothing to answer.

Finally, we would oppose any discovery that goes beyond the stipulation. Discovery in the prior round of this case that's been fully litigated should not be permitted at this point, and repetitive discovery over the substance of the auditor's report and the testimony that's been filed and the relationships between the people involved except as

to the stipulation should not be permitted as all parties have had an opportunity to do that, discovery has been conducted and closed.

EXAMINER KINGERY: Last comment.

MR. REILLY: We would support what the company has just said. I wish to underline that the auditors are here from out of town on short notice, and "out of town" is states away. We would -- I see no reason they should not go on, and we would ask that they be allowed to go on today to avoid what is an extreme inconvenience.

I've heard Mr. Small say nothing that would indicate that there's any disadvantage to OCC from having the auditors going on today. They've known since yesterday afternoon that the auditors would be here.

MR. SMALL: You've also heard nothing from Mr. Small saying we oppose that. We're prepared and ready to go ahead with the prefiled testimony except for those that were filed in support of the stipulation.

MR. REILLY: I would note one other thing, certainly there's nothing wrong with prefiled testimony from whatever parties, for or against the

stipulation, but it certainly should not be a ruse for filing additional direct testimony against -- in opposition or in favor of any new positions that somebody wishes to put forward in the case.

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- MR. SMALL: Of course, Mr. Reilly and others will have an opportunity to have motions to strike at the appropriate time.
- EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you. We'll go off the record for just a minute.
 - (Discussion held off the record.)
- EXAMINER KINGERY: Okay, let's go back on the record.
 - What we will do is today we will go forward with the testimony that was prefiled prior to yesterday. The company can put on its witnesses, the auditors are welcome to go, any of that testimony can go forward.
 - We will allow a brief time for discovery by parties who are in opposition to the stipulation, that discovery should be limited to matters that are covered by the stipulation, nothing else. And that discovery should be propounded by noon tomorrow. Answers to the discovery will be due noon on Friday the 13th.

1 The testimony by parties who are going to 2 oppose the stipulation should be filed by the end of 3 the business day on Tuesday, the 17th, and that testimony, once again, should relate only to the 4 5 stipulation, not to any other matters. 6 As to the continuation of this hearing, 7 we are not available on Wednesday the 18th, but we can go forward on Thursday the 19th. So we would 8 9 propose starting on the 19th perhaps at 9 o'clock instead of 10 o'clock, make sure we get through by 10 the end of the week. 11 12 Does anybody have any problem with that 13 schedule? 14 MR. SMALL: No, your Honor. Just to make 15 things clear, everything electronic. 16 EXAMINER KINGERY: Yes, everything should 17 be filed -- should be served on other parties 18 electronically as we have been doing previously. 19 MR. SMALL: Right. 20 EXAMINER KINGERY: Okay. Then keeping in 21 mind also what we said at the start which is that we 22 want a full record on the application as well as on

the stipulation, we will go ahead now with the

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company's -- yes.

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                MR. COLBERT: Your Honor, one matter in
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    terms of the schedule. We think that we can
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    rearrange it, but we do have a settlement conference
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    in a somewhat sizable complaint case before the
    Commission here scheduled for the 19th.
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    I believe we can reschedule that as opposed to this,
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    so let us keep it and we will let you and the parties
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    know by tomorrow whether or not we can change that
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    and be prepared to go ahead on the 19th.
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                EXAMINER KINGERY: And perhaps we can
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    handle something on a break as well if there's
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    someone upstairs we can talk to.
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                MR. COLBERT:
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                 EXAMINER KINGERY: That's fine, then at
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    this point --
                MR. REILLY: Excuse me, your Honor, point
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    of clarification. When you said "prefiled
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    testimony, did you mean -- include the testimony
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    that was prefiled yesterday?
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                 EXAMINER KINGERY:
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    we're going forward with now?
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                MR. REILLY:
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                 EXAMINER KINGERY: No, we are only going
    forward on testimony that was filed prior to
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                MR. REILLY: Prior to yesterday.
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                 EXAMINER KINGERY: I believe I said that.
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                MR. REILLY: Thank you, your Honor.
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                EXAMINER KINGERY: That's fine.
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                Okay, you may go ahead with your first
    witness.
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                MR. COLBERT: Do you want the company to
    proceed or do you want the auditors to go on first,
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    your Honor? I don't know what time their planes are.
                 EXAMINER KINGERY: Let's go off the
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    record.
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                 (Discussion held off the record.)
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                 EXAMINER KINGERY: Let's go back on the
    record, then.
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                 At this point we will call the auditors.
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    Mr. Reilly.
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                 MR. REILLY: Thank you, your Honor.
    would call Mr. Seth Schwartz.
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                 EXAMINER KINGERY: Good morning. Would
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    you raise your right hand?
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                 (Witness sworn.)
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                 EXAMINER KINGERY: You may be seated.
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1	SETH SCHWARTZ
2	being first duly sworn, as prescribed by law, was
3	examined and testified as follows:
4	DIRECT TESTIMONY
5	By Mr. Reilly:
6	Q. Good morning, Mr. Schwartz. I'm handing
7	you two documents, one's identified as
8	Commission-Ordered Exhibit 1 and it's the
9	Confidential Report of the Financial and
10	Management/Performance Audit of the Fuel and
11	Purchased Power Rider of Duke Energy, and that's
12	identified as Commission-Ordered Exhibit 1. And then
13	the other document is the public version of that
14	document, and it's labeled 1A of that report.
15	EXAMINER KINGERY: They will be so
16	marked.
17	(EXHIBITS MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)
18	MR. SMALL: I'm sorry, your Honor, I
19	missed the designation.
20	MR. REILLY: Commission-Ordered Exhibit 1
21	is the full report of the
22	MR. SMALL: You designated that as
23	Remand? We've been putting "Remand" on everything.
24	EXAMINER KINGERY: Commission-Ordered

- Remand Exhibit 1 and Commission-Ordered Remand
 Exhibit 1A, thank you.
 - MR. REILLY: Can we go off the record for just a second?

5 EXAMINER KINGERY: Yes.

(Discussion held off the record.)

EXAMINER KINGERY: We would note at this point that we will be discussing confidential matters at various times through this hearing. As we discussed in the first phase of this hearing, we will allow attorneys to stay in the room even if their clients have not signed confidentiality agreements. Any clients who may be here will have to leave the room during confidential portions if they have not signed confidentiality agreements.

Thank you.

MR. REILLY: Thank you, your Honor.

EXAMINER KINGERY: People should also be advised that if you're starting to ask questions that go into confidential matters, we should let the reporter know so that we can segregate those portions of the transcript.

MR. REILLY: Your Honor, I would note that I expect that for Mr. Schwartz's testimony and

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1	Mr. Smith's testimony, they're the auditors, that	
2	probably all of it should be treated as confidential.	
3	I'm sure that some of it may not be, but I think the	
4	large majority of it would be is my guess.	
5	EXAMINER KINGERY: Okay. Well, then at	
6	this point let's go into a confidential session.	
7	(Confidential Portion.)	
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18	(End Confidential Portion.)
19	CHARLES WHITLOCK
20	being first duly sworn, as prescribed by law, was
21	examined and testified as follows:
22	DIRECT EXAMINATION
23	By Mr. Colbert:
24	Q. Mr. Whitlock, do you have the two

- exhibits that we just marked as Remand Rider Exhibits

 1 and 2 in front of you, and are they your direct and
 supplemental testimony that you have filed in this
 case?
 - A. I do, and they are.
 - Q. And would you state your name and business address for the record, please?
 - A. It's Charles R. Whitlock, 139 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.
 - Q. And, Mr. Whitlock, do you have any changes or amendments to the documents that are marked as your supplemental and direct testimony?
 - A. We should probably change the -- on both my title is changed, and it says that I work for Duke Energy Americas. I actually work for Duke Energy Shared Services, and my title has changed from President to Senior Vice-President, Commercial Asset Management.
 - Q. Do you have any other changes?
 - A. I don't believe so.
- MR. COLBERT: Your Honor, Mr. Whitlock is available for cross-examination.
 - EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you very much.

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MR. SAUER: Thank you, your Honor.
CROSS-EXAMINATION
By Mr. Sauer:
Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Whitlock. My name is
Larry Sauer and I represent the Office of the Ohio
Consumers' Counsel.
THE WITNESS: Your Honor, could we get a
microphone?
EXAMINER KINGERY: Yes.
· Could you use the one over there? Thank
you.
THE WITNESS: Sorry.
MR. SAUER: That's all right. Thank you.
Q. Is this better?
A. Yes. Thank you.
Q. I have a few questions for you this
afternoon, Mr. Whitlock. Initially if you could turn
to page 10 of your testimony.
MR. COLBERT: Mr. Sauer, which testimony?
MR. SAUER: His supplemental.
MR. COLBERT: Thank you.
Q. At line 19 you talk about 15 percent
capacity reserve margin that DE-Ohio relies upon in

- their SRT charge calculations; do you see that?
- A. Yes, sir.

- Q. And what is the basis for that 15 percent?
- A. That 15 percent itself is a calculation that's really kind of industry practice that looks at loss of load expectation over a planning horizon, it takes into account the E4 rate, the required operating reserves, and then deviations for temperature above normal, weather-normal temperatures.
- Q. And when you say an industry practice, is that something that MISO or PJM have built into their standards, or where exactly does that come from?
- A. I mean, various structured markets have different requirements, PJM does have a capacity reserve margin, and I believe it is 15 percent. MISO has a day-ahead operating reserve requirement. Some of the New England markets have -- they are various and sundry, but they're in or around 15 percent. They're basically made up of the same components that I talked about, right, the planned E4 rate, changes in weather, and what you have to have from a capacity standpoint to meet operating reserve requirements.

1	Q. And staying on page 10 in your
2	supplemental testimony you refer to something as a
3	designated network resource
4	A. Uh-huh.
5	Q that MISO has. Can you explain what
6	a, you refer to as a DNR, what is that?
7	A. A designated network resource is a
8	resource that's available to meet an energy
9	requirement on a firm basis so that it works on
10	network transmission on a firm basis. It's the
11	firmest supply that you can have.
12	Q. And is this in a longer term planning
13	mode or more of a day-ahead?
14	A. If it's a DNR on a longer term basis, it
15	would be a DNR on a shorter term basis. Again, a
16	designated network resource doesn't have time, it

Q. This, again, is in the long-term planning mode then?

works or it doesn't work as a designated network

A. I don't -- what is "it"?

Does that help?

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- Q. The DNR. The reference to a DNR, is that only if you're discussing long-term planning?
 - A. Again, a DNR -- if a DNR meets it on a

long-term basis, it will meet it on a short-term basis so I'm struggling a little bit with the question.

- Q. Okay. I'm wasn't sure if it only applied in your SRT calculations as part of the longer term capacity requirement.
- A. Let me try it this way, I mean, the SRT is a long-term resource planning, it's where we recover our costs for our long-term resource plan, right? So it's a long-term capacity obligation.

 It's the company's approach to procure those assets on a long-term basis, right?

Now, a long-term basis, again, we're restricted by approval, we get preapproval for those SRT costs, so we basically go out a year in advance. It's my opinion that we should procure longer term resource capacity, you know, through like last year we should have bought some in '7 and some in '8, but we get annual approval to do those types of things.

If in the short-term we do not have enough designated network resource capacity to meet MISO's operating requirements, that 4 percent, it's 4.1 percent of our forecasted load, we will buy a designated network resource to make sure that we meet

- 1 | MISO's module E. Does that help?
- Q. I think so, yes.
- So when you say it's a firm contract

 or -- did you say it was a firm contract? Was that

 your reference to a DNR, as a firm contract?
 - A. You asked me what a DNR was and I said a DNR is a resource that will allow you to use network transmission to meet a load obligation. It's the firmest of resources.
 - Q. And when you say "network transmission," is that --
 - A. As opposed to like point-to-point transmission.
 - Q. Okay. And if that's the firmest of firm, what other resource options are there below a DNR?
 - A. For capacity?
- 17 O. Yes.

A. There really aren't any. I mean, the idea of -- I don't think there are. I mean, I guess you could buy nonfirm capacity; I don't know why you would buy it, I don't think it gives you anything, right? If the capacity can be recalled from you, it doesn't do anything to help you meet your load obligation.

- Q. So then an option, for example, wouldn't be a DNR.
- A. An option for capacity or an option for energy?
 - Q. An option for capacity.
- A. Once I exercise the option is it a firm option --
 - Q. Well, I don't know --
- 9 A. -- that would qualify as a DNR, then 10 yeah, it would be a DNR once I exercised it.
- Q. Okay. Of the DENA assets, Mr. Whitlock, how many of those assets are within the Midwest ISO?
- 13 A. Vermilion.
- 14 Q. So just one?
- 15 A. Yes.

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- Q. And you consider DENA assets outside of the MISO footprint to be DNR.
 - A. You would have to request transmission from PJM and then have transmission, firm transmission, granted out of PJM, and then MISO would do a transmission study to see if those were -- or could qualify as a designated network resource inside of MISO.
- Q. Has such a study been done?

1	A. I don't recall.			
2	Q. And have you reviewed the stipulation			
3	that was filed in these proceedings yesterday?			
4	A. I'd like to have one in front of me if			
5	you're going to ask me some questions on it.			
6	Q. I believe if you look at, under the stip,			
7	paragraph No. 8 do you have the stip?			
8	A. I do.			
9	Q. Okay. And did you see paragraph 8?			
10	A. Yeah, I'm looking at it.			
11	Q. Okay. And if I understand your			
12	supplemental testimony, you're advocating for the			
13	DENA assets to be included within DE-Ohio's capacity			
14	purchases as part of the SRT rider, correct?			
15	A. I do.			
16	Q. And the stipulation that was filed in			
17	this case yesterday essentially changes your			
18	recommendations regarding the DENA assets; does it			
19	not?			
20	A. Could you repeat the question?			
21	MR. SAUER: Could I have the question			
22	reread, please?			
23	(Question read.)			

A. Not insofar as it relates to recovery of

- those costs through the SRT, right? I mean, in my testimony I say we should recover the costs if we use those assets to meet our capacity requirements and recover those dollars through the SRT.
 - Q. But does this -- I'm sorry.
 - A. The stipulation says basically the same thing, that they will be recovered, in the first sentence, through the SRT.
 - Q. Is it your perspective that through the stipulation there's a limitation as to the usage of these DENA assets?
- 12 A. Yes.

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- Q. And what would that limitation be?
- A. It says seven days or less.
- Q. And what does that mean to you?
- 16 A. Seven days or less.
 - Q. Would that limit it to use in, say, in an emergency situation only?
 - A. No. It means seven days or less.
 - Q. Could you have a series of seven-day events?
 - A. I believe if they -- I believe so. If they were seven days or less, you could have multiple of those occurrences. Just my reading of it.

- Q. Is this the first time you're really seeing this stipulation, or were you involved in the discussions that led up to this?
 - A. No; I was on vacation two weeks and I came back, the first day I saw it was yesterday and it was fluid yesterday, right, so it was changing.

 So I saw it yesterday.
 - Q. Okay. Under 8 there are several subpoints, A, B, and C. Do you see those in the stipulation that was filed yesterday?
 - A. I do.

- Q. In a situation where from your perspective we're in a seven-day period where the DENA assets are appropriate for cost recovery, how many broker quotes would you anticipate might be available to help establish a market price under the stipulation?
- A. It's going to depend but, again, the majority of the capacity, the majority of the capacity market is going to be procured over a long -- over a longer period of time. Let's make it a year, right, that I'll procure a year in advance a 15 percent reserve margin. Now, if weather is a lot hotter or I lose more than my historic E4 rate, that

1 will put me in a situation where I would be in this circumstance. And so it's rare when capacity is transacted in a very short-term market. 3

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You know, how many broker quotes would I receive? I'll tell you what, if I had to -- again, we're going to be a buyer to maintain our module E requirements in this example, so I'm going to call all of the brokers that I deal with to have them help me get quotes for this period of time, and there might be -- I might get one. I might get five different quotes.

- How many brokers do you typically deal 0. with?
- Around that number, right? I mean, fivish, we'll call it, for power and capacity. Now all of those won't have quotes at the same time, right? They all might. They all might have the same quote, I don't know.
- Q. Well, of these brokers that are providing the quotes, would you say that the capacity market is a large or small portion of their business?
- The term "capacity market's" a significant part of their business, right? The short-term capacity market, again, is not.

Q. Okay. And in the long-term capacity market how many capacity transactions occur per day?

- A. I don't know. On average? Probably less than one a day, or one a day, two a day, I don't know.
- Q. Now, if I understood what you had said earlier, because the capacity market is typically traded in a long-term basis, that it takes some unusual event like an extreme weather situation or a unit goes down or something like that. When was the last time that Duke experienced a situation like that?
- A. You know, we had one this -- we had one,
 I want to say it was like two months ago, maybe three
 months ago, where we did not have -- we were not
 going to comply with module E and we actually used
 the Vermilion capacity that was not committed in the
 marketplace to satisfy our module E requirement, and
 we charged zero through -- we don't recover any of
 those costs, right?

I mean, we basically used that Vermilion asset or the DENA -- the legacy DENA asset to satisfy our module E requirement. And I believe it was two or three months ago. And it was because of outages.

- Q. And did the cost of that capacity get included in the SRT calculation?
 - A. No, it didn't.

- Q. During that event that you're talking about what was the market price that was being experienced at that time?
 - A. For capacity or for --
 - Q. For capacity, yes.
- A. Again, we basically polled the market for offers and the offers that we got, I don't remember the exact numbers, we probably have them recorded, but the offers were -- they were high-priced offers, right? And we were like -- we felt like it was not prudent for us to buy that when we had excess capacity of our own, again, it wasn't dedicated to the FPP, to the MBSSO customer, so we used that instead.

So we were basically the buyer, right, because we were the one that had the shortfall.

There weren't other buyers. There were sellers, but their price was high, and we didn't buy it and instead used Vermilion resources at no charge.

Q. When you say the price was high, can you kind of give me a range?

1	A. Yeah, you know, I want to say it was			
2	I'd hate to do it and then be wrong, so is there some			
3	way that we could			
4	Q. Subject to check?			
5	A. Is there a mechanism that we can provide			
6	you that data with			
7	MR. COLBERT: Sure.			
8	A other than me speculating about it?			
9	MR. COLBERT: Your Honor, DE-Ohio will be			
10	happy to provide the parties with the data that			
11	Mr. Whitlock is referring to. We will get it. I			
12	mean, if Mr. Whitlock can do an estimate subject to			
13	check, we have no objection to that as well.			
14	MR. SAUER: Mr. Colbert, you're offering			
15	to put that into the record, then?			
16	MR. COLBERT: Yes.			
17	MR. SAUER: Not just get it to the			
18	parties, but put it into the record?			
19	MR. COLBERT: We can do that, too.			
20	EXAMINER KINGERY: We'll have another day			
21	of hearings; you can bring it at that time.			
22	MR. COLBERT: I need to confer with them			
23	to see whether it should be confidential, but if it			
24	is, we'll file it under seal.			

EXAMINER KINGERY: That's fine.

MR. SAUER: Thank you.

- Q. (By Mr. Sauer) And so given the situation that you've just kind of been talking about here, you would anticipate, if this event now occurs under this stipulation, that the capacity costs for DENA would be a midpoint of the broker quotes that are received and, admittedly, there aren't going to be very many of those, correct?
- A. Yeah. Again, there would be the, I mean, there are going to be broker quotes to the degree I can get broker quotes, right? I mean, in that event I would do the exact same thing I did before, I would call counterparties and I would call brokers and ask them what's the market for capacity for whatever the time period -- for the next day. And I would get the number of quotes that I got, and I would get the number of offers that I got, and they would be at the level at which they gave them to me.
- Q. And then under B it says the average price of third-party purchases transacted, and how do you envision that would be -- those transactions would be identified?
 - A. How would the transactions be identified

or consummated?

- Q. How would they be I guess initially identified and then if they become consummated, how would they be --
- A. I would poll the market. I mean, I would call counterparties that I know that have capacity that qualifies, again, that will fulfill my module E requirement, and I would call those counterparties and see if they had capacity available tomorrow, and if they did, I would ask them what their offer was for that capacity.

And if it was -- say I called three different counterparties and the first two didn't have any and the last one had it, then I would buy it, and they would tell me the price and I would buy it.

- Q. And, again, is it your anticipation that only the Vermilion plant would be available in these situations?
 - A. Yeah. I mean --
 - Q. Realistically.
- A. The PJM capacity, right, at the end of this year, right, I will have sold in the new PJM capacity market -- by Friday I'll find out -- we

offered it all into PJM and we'll get a clearing
price from PJM on this Friday, so that capacity will
be sold.

Now, I'll have the ability to go out and buy capacity from PJM, again, subsequent -- if we said that we wanted to use those assets, we would do the transmission studies, et cetera, and we could buy back the capacity that we sold from PJM and use the PJM capacity to meet this requirement. But likely, you're right, that it's Vermilion.

Candidly, there probably will not be excess legacy DENA capacity available for the MBSSO customer because we'll sell it because, again, that market is a long-term market.

- Q. And did I understand you earlier to say that you've not been actively managing your generation portfolio beyond 2008?
- A. Are you referring to something in my testimony?
- Q. No, something you said earlier on the stand where if you had your way, you would have been doing something in 2007-2008 already.
- A. I think what I was talking about was, again, this 15 percent, or X percent, reserve margin

is designed for a longer period of time than the
next-day planning. It's a long-term resource
planning, right? It's saying do I have enough
resource.

Because, again, this is steel in the ground that we're talking about. I mean, that's probably in laymen's term. A designated network resource is that steel in the ground kind of idea and that's a much longer lead time than seven days or a day or even a year, right? It says we need to have so many resources available to produce the energy to light the light bulbs.

So what I said was is that instead of us planning for kind of a one-year or one year at a time approach, we should plan for a longer period of time; that's what I said.

Q. Okay.

- A. But I don't think I said actively manage.
 I don't know.
 - Q. I'm sorry.
 - A. We can talk about active management.
- Q. Mr. Whitlock, I believe in your direct testimony you had estimated SRT purchases for 2007 to be \$8 million or approximately \$8 million. Do you

- 1 recall that? 2 What page is that? Α. 3 I think it was on one of your schedules. Ο. Yeah, I see it. 4 Α. 5 And that is --0. It's almost 9 million. 6 Α. 7 Is that a projection for 2007? Q. 8 Yes. Α. 9 And do you know what your final SRT costs Q. 10 for 2006 were? 11 I don't, but I'm sure we can provide it. Α. 12 I don't. 13 MR. COLBERT: Your Honor, just to 14 clarify, we are still under seal, right? 15 EXAMINER KINGERY: Yes, we are. 16 MR. COLBERT: Thank you. 17 EXAMINER KINGERY: We've been under seal 18 all day. 19 MR. COLBERT: Just wanted to make sure. 20
 - Q. (By Mr. Sauer) I apologize, I didn't mark it in your testimony but I think you had an estimate in here, maybe an actual number through September of '06 of approximately -- yes, on page 8, line 4, I think you're estimating your SRT expenses to be

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- \$4 million. Does that look right?
- A. Yeah, I see -- yeah.

- Q. So do you know what the difference was or what you're anticipating the difference to be between an SRT charge in 2006 of \$4 million to an SRT charge in 2007 of almost \$9 million?
- A. When we do the estimate, I mean, the actuals are what we actually paid, right, and for the products that we buy. And then the estimate is a calculation based on the products that we think we're going to buy at the prices that we think we'll be able to execute those, right?

I haven't done a line-by-line comparison, although it would be easy to do to say here are the products in 2006, here are the similar products in 2007, and here are the prices and the various prices. So it would be easy to do that, I just -- I don't have that in front of me.

- Q. And to the extent that you do overestimate the SRT charges and there's a true-up, the actual costs that you incur are actually charged back to the customers, then?
- A. If we overestimate it, it wouldn't be charged back, right? We would give them a credit.

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1	Q. A credit coming back to the customers.			
2	A. Yes.			
3	Q. And that's with interest?			
4	A. I don't know.			
5	MR. SAUER: Thank you. That's all we			
6	have, your Honor.			
7	EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you.			
8	Mr. Boehm, do you have any?			
9	MR. BOEHM: No cross.			
10	EXAMINER KINGERY: Staff?			
11	MR. REILLY: Thank you, your Honor.			
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13	CROSS-EXAMINATION			
14	By Mr. Reilly:			
15	Q. Good afternoon, Mr. Whitlock. My name is			
16	Steve Reilly. I'm here on behalf of the staff of the			
17	Commission. I just have a few questions for you.			
18	I'd like to direct your attention to what			
19	Mr. Sauer called the stipulation that was filed			
20	yesterday. Do you have a copy of that up there?			
21	A. Yes, sir.			
22	Q. Thank you.			
23	If you could turn to page 7, I'd like to			
24	talk to you about paragraph 8 on that page for a			

- second. And I would like you to take a look at the first sentence in paragraph 8. And you were talking
- 3 with Mr. Sauer about the term as used in that
- 4 paragraph, "short-term." Do you recall that
- 5 | discussion with Mr. Sauer?
- 6 A. I believe so.

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- Q. All right. Now, you weren't involved, I think you said, in the discussions that led up to this stipulation; is that correct?
- A. Yeah; I was on vacation. I mean, I was involved in some discussions starting yesterday, right.
 - Q. Were you involved in discussion with any party aside from your own company, Duke Ohio?
 - A. No, sir.
- Q. Okay. So you weren't involved with
 discussions with any other party to this stipulation
 besides Duke, correct?
 - A. No, sir. Or, I mean, ask that question again. I think I -- I was not involved with any other parties other than, I mean, I talked to Paul Colbert about it.
- Q. All right. Mr. Colbert works for Duke Ohio, correct?

- 1 Α. Duke Energy Shared Services. 2 Very good. ٥. 3 I got in that conundrum before. So you don't know how any other party may 4 Q. 5 view the term "short-term," correct? 6 It defines short-term as seven days or 7 less. All right. Now, when you were talking 8 Q. 9 with Mr. Sauer, the question of multiple occurrences 10 came up; do you recall that? I do. 11 Α. 1.2 You would not be in a position to say how 13 any other party would view multiple occurrences being 14 tacked together, are you? 15 Α. I'm not. 16 All right. That would be a subject that Q. 17 would be ultimately decided, if there was great 18 disagreement, in an enforcement proceeding; is it 19 not -- is that not correct? 20 I don't know where it would be decided, Α.
 - Q. All right.

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- MR. REILLY: Nothing further.
- 24 EXAMINER KINGERY: Redirect?

158 1 MR. COLBERT: No redirect, your Honor. 2 EXAMINER KINGERY: Thank you very much. 3 You may step down. (Witness excused.) 4 5 EXAMINER KINGERY: Would you like to call one more witness? 6 7 MR. COLBERT: Yes. Your Honor, the 8 company's going to call Mr. Don Wathen. 9 EXAMINER KINGERY: Would you raise your 10 right hand? 11 (Witness sworn.) 12 EXAMINER KINGERY: You may be seated. 13 MR. COLBERT: Your Honor, we would mark 14 the FPP testimony as DE-Ohio Remand Rider 3. 15 **EXAMINER KINGERY:** Yes. 16 MR. COLBERT: And the direct and 17 supplemental of the AAC as Remand Riders 4 and 5. 18 DE-Ohio Remand Riders 4 and 5. 19 EXAMINER KINGERY: That's direct and 20 supplemental in that order. 21 MR. COLBERT: That's correct. Trying to 22 keep them in the order they were filed. 23 EXAMINER KINGERY: They will be so

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1	MR. COLBERT: Thank you, your Honor.			
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	Direct Testimony of Charles R. Whitlock	
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3 - 1	Direct Testimony regarding FPP of William Don Wathen, Jr.	
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5 - S	Supplemental Testimony regarding ACC of William Don Wathen, Jr.	Feb 28, 2007
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1 -	Confidential Report of the Financial and Management/ Performance Audit of the Fuel and Purchased Power Rider of Duke Energy - Ohio	Oct 12, 2006
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•	10/20/06 letter from - Larkin & Associates, PLLC 05-724-61-086 + 05-725-61-086	Oct 24, 2006
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