

BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the Review :
of the Distribution Investment: Case No.
Rider Contained in the Tariffs: 13-419-EL-RDR
of Ohio Power Company. :

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PROCEEDINGS

Before Sarah Parrot, Attorney Examiner, held at
the offices of the Public Utilities Commission
of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Hearing Room
11-C, Columbus, Ohio, on Thursday, February 27,
2014, at 10:00 A.M.

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Thursday Morning,
February 27, 2014.
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ATTORNEY EXAMINER: The Public
Utilities Commission of Ohio has called for
hearing at this time and place Case No.
13-419-EL-RDR being in the matter of the Review
of the Distribution Investment Rider Contained
in the Tariffs of Ohio Power Company.

My name is Sarah Parrot, I am the
Attorney Examiner assigned by the Commission to
hear this case. At this time we will get
started with the appearances beginning with
the Company.

MR. NOURSE: Thank you, Your Honor.
On behalf Ohio Power Company, Steven T. Nourse,
1 Riverside Plaza, 29th floor, Columbus, Ohio
43215.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you.
OCC.

MR. SERIO: Thank you, Your Honor.
On behalf of the residential utility customers
of AEP Ohio, Bruce J. Weston, Consumers'
Counsel, by Joseph P. Serio and Michael Schuler.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you.

1 Staff.

2 MR. MCNAMEE: On behalf of the Staff
3 of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, I am
4 Thomas W. McNamee, Assistant Attorney General,
5 trial counsel in this case. The address is 180
6 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

7 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you,
8 everyone. Any preliminary matters this
9 morning?

10 MR. NOURSE: No, Your Honor.

11 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Very good. For
12 the record I will just note that an amended
13 stipulation and recommendation was filed by the
14 Company and the Staff on January 17th, 2014 for
15 the Commission's consideration. And before we
16 get started with the witness I would just like
17 to note that OCC is neither, my understanding,
18 neither signed nor is opposing this stipulation.

19 MR. SERIO: That is correct, Your
20 Honor.

21 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Anything else
22 you wish to say to that?

23 MR. SERIO: No, Your Honor.

24 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you, very
25 much. Mr. Nourse.

1 MR. NOURSE: Thank you, your Honor.

2 We would like to mark as Joint Exhibit 1 the
3 amended stipulation and recommendation that was
4 filed on January 17th with the Commission in
5 this docket.

6 And would call Andrea Moore to the
7 stand to sponsor the stipulation.

8 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: The exhibit is
9 so marked.

10 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR THE PURPOSE OF
11 IDENTIFICATION)

12 (WITNESS SWORN)

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14 ANDREA MOORE

15 called as a witness on behalf of Ohio Power
16 Company, being first duly sworn, testified as
17 follows:

18 DIRECT EXAMINATION

19 By Mr. Nourse:

20 Q. Ms. Moore, could you state and
21 spell your name for the record?

22 A. My name is Andrea Moore, A-N-D-R-E-A
23 M-O-O-R-E.

24 Q. Thank you. By whom are you employed
25 and in what capacity?

1 A. I am employed as Director of
2 Regulatory Services for AEP Ohio.

3 Q. And can you briefly describe your
4 responsibilities in that position?

5 A. Sure. I am responsible for
6 coordinating filing, rider filings for
7 the company, as well as participating in the
8 audits of the different rider filings.

9 Q. Okay. And so in this distribution
10 investment rider audit can you explain briefly
11 your role in that?

12 A. Sure. I was actively involved with
13 the independent auditors, Blue Ridge Services,
14 while they were conducting their audit. And
15 also participated in the meetings that
16 eventually led to this stipulation.

17 Q. Okay. And you were also a witness
18 and familiar with the Electric Security Plan
19 case that led to the DIR; correct?

20 A. The first one, yes.

21 Q. Yes.

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Okay. All right. So, you are
24 familiar with Joint Exhibit 1, the amended
25 stipulation?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Okay. Is the stipulation the result
3 of serious bargaining among capable,
4 knowledgeable parties in your opinion?

5 A. Yes. We had several meetings with
6 the parties, and all were represented by either
7 counsel or technical experts that had experience
8 with proceedings before the Commission.

9 Q. Okay. Would you agree that the
10 stipulation represents compromised positions of
11 the various parties?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Okay. And does the stipulation
14 taken as a package benefit ratepayers and public
15 interest in your opinion?

16 A. Yes, I believe it does. The
17 investments were audited again by an independent
18 auditor, Blue Ridge Services. We adopted and
19 addressed the recommendations of that audit
20 report as a compromise for the parties.

21 Q. Okay. And does the stipulation
22 violate any important regulatory principles or
23 practices in your opinion?

24 A. No. It's consistent with
25 the Commission's order.

1 Q. And is it your recommendation that
2 the Commission adopt the amended stipulation as
3 it's decision in this case?

4 A. Yes.

5 MR. NOURSE: Thank you. I don't
6 have any further questions, your Honor.

7 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Any questions
8 from OCC?

9 MR. SERIO: No, your Honor.

10 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Staff.

11 MR. MCNAMEE: No questions.

12 EXAMINATION

13 By the Attorney Examiner:

14 Q. Ms. Moore, if I could just ask you
15 to look at page 4 of the amended stipulation,
16 the AMI meters section.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Sub part a} refers to a filing to be
19 made in Case No. 13-1939-EL-RDR within 30 days
20 of finalizing this stipulation.

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. It's my understanding that has not
23 been filed yet. Do you know when that might
24 occur?

25 A. I think the 13-1939 is the Phase II,

1 I believe that has been filed. And we would put
2 an amendment in that 30 days after the
3 stipulation.

4 Q. That is what I am asking. When will
5 this amended filing be made? The way I read
6 this language is it was to happen within 30 days
7 of this stipulation being executed by
8 the parties.

9 A. That's right.

10 Q. Are you saying it would be 30 days
11 from when the Commission may choose to adopt
12 this stipulation?

13 A. Yes.

14 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Okay. Thank you
15 for that clarification. I have no further
16 questions. Mr. Nourse.

17 MR. NOURSE: Thank you. And so I
18 would move on behalf Ohio Power Company and
19 Staff hopefully to admit Joint Exhibit No. 1.

20 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Any objections?

21 MR. SERIO: No objection.

22 MR. MCNAMEE: No objection.

23 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Joint Exhibit 1
24 is admitted.

25 (EXHIBIT ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE)

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ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Anything else?

MR. NOURSE: Thank you, your Honor.

No.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER: All right.

Thank you very much everyone. We are adjourned.

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(At 10:20 A.M. the hearing was
concluded)

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing
is a true and correct transcript of the
proceedings taken by me in this matter on
February 27, 2014, and carefully compared with
my original stenographic notes.

Michael O. Spencer,
Registered Professional
Reporter.

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