

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the :
Application for Establishment :
of a Reasonable Arrangement : Case No.
Between U.S. Steel Seamless : 16-2020-EL-AEC
Tubular Operations, LLC, :
Lorain Tubular Operations and :
The Ohio Edison Company. :

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PROCEEDINGS

Before Nick Walstra, Attorney Examiner, held at
the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180
East Broad Street, Hearing Room 11-A, Columbus,
Ohio, on Tuesday, January 31, 2017, at 11:00
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Tuesday Morning,
January 31, 2017.
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ATTORNEY EXAMINER: The Public
Utilities Commission of Ohio has called for
hearing at this time and place Case No.
16-2020-EL-AEC, being In the Matter of
the Application for Establishment of a
Reasonable Arrangement between U.S. Steel
Seamless Tubular Operations, LLC, Lorain Tubular
Operations and the Ohio Edison Company.

My name is Nick Walstra, I am the
Attorney Examiner assigned by the Commission to
hear this case. We will begin by taking
appearances.

MR. RANDAZZO: Yes, your Honor.
Thank you. First of all I would like to enter
the appearance of Erika Ostrowski. She is
counsel of record for Ohio Edison Company. Her
address is 76 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio
44308.

And on behalf of U.S. Steel I would
like to enter the appearance of McNees Wallace &
Nurick by Samuel C. Randazzo, 21 East State
Street, 17th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

1 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you.

2 MR. MCNAMEE: On behalf of the Staff
3 of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio,
4 Thomas W. McNamee. The address is 30 East Broad
5 Street, 16th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

6 MS. WILLIS: Thank you, your Honor.
7 On behalf of the residential customers of
8 the Ohio Edison Company, Bruce J. Weston,
9 Consumers' Counsel, Maureen R. Willis, 10 West
10 Broad Street, Suite 1800, Columbus, Ohio 43215.
11 Thank you.

12 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you.

13 MR. PERKO: On behalf of the Ohio
14 Manufacturers Association Energy Group, James D.
15 Perko, Jr., and Kimberly W. Bojko, the law firm
16 is Carpenter Lipps & Leland. Address 280 North
17 High Street, Suite 1300, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

18 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you. I
19 understand there was a stipulation filed in this
20 case.

21 MR. RANDAZZO: Yes, your Honor.
22 We filed a settlement in this case with
23 Docketing a while back. So, we are ready to
24 proceed.

25 We have also among the parties been

1 able to agree to an expedited process to get
2 supporting testimony submitted into the record.
3 That will come in by agreement of the parties
4 who will all waive cross-examination.

5 I can mark the exhibits, I have
6 three.

7 The public version of the
8 Settlement, which would be Joint Exhibit 1, I
9 would ask that it be marked Joint Exhibit 1

10 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: So marked.

11 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION)

12 MR. RANDAZZO: The non-public
13 version which I have in an envelope sealed, I
14 would ask that be marked as Joint Exhibit 1 A.

15 And then the prefiled testimony of
16 Ralph Riberich, Jr., I would ask be marked for
17 identification purposes as Joint Exhibit 2.

18 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: So marked.

19 (EXHIBITS MARKED FOR PURPOSES OF
20 IDENTIFICATION)

21 MR. RANDAZZO: And at this point,
22 your Honor, I would offer those exhibits into
23 evidence. As I indicated previously it's my
24 understanding that all the parties agreed to
25 allow these documents to come into evidence and

1 to waive cross-examination.

2 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Is that
3 everyone's understanding? Any objections?

4 MR. MCNAMEE: No objections from the
5 Staff, your Honor.

6 MS. WILLIS: No objection.

7 MR. PERKO: No objection.

8 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you.
9 Those will all be admitted.

10 (EXHIBITS HEREBY ADMITTED INTO
11 EVIDENCE)

12 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Anything
13 further?

14 MR. RANDAZZO: Your Honor, I would
15 just like to thank the parties who worked on
16 this for several months. Everybody worked in a
17 problem solving mode, which is refreshing at
18 times. And we were able to get something
19 sensibly done for the benefit of the facility up
20 in Lorain, Ohio.

21 And so as Mr. Riberich indicated in
22 his testimony, very pleased to thank everybody
23 for their hard work. Thank you

24 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: All right.

25 MS. WILLIS: Your Honor, I would

1 note for the record that the Office of
2 Consumers' Counsel's position is that we neither
3 support nor oppose the stipulation. And that is
4 fully explained in the letter filed January
5 23rd, 2017 in the docket.

6 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Okay. Thank
7 you.

8 MR. RANDAZZO: I forgot to mention,
9 your Honor, we have submitted a motion for
10 protective order dealing with the confidential
11 portion of the settlement, which is very brief
12 items in the settlement. And just mention that
13 so that it's attended to at the appropriate
14 time.

15 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Okay. Thank
16 you. Anything else?

17 MR. MCNAMEE: Nothing, your Honor.

18 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: All right. The
19 Commission will take it under consideration.
20 And we are adjourned.

21 MR. RANDAZZO: Thank you, your
22 Honor. It's my understanding all the parties
23 waived argument and briefing as well as allowing
24 this expedited process to get the evidence into
25 the record. So I want to state that on the

1 record.

2 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Yes. No
3 briefing. And we will get this out as soon as
4 we can. And thank you guys.

5 MR. RANDAZZO: Thanks again.

6 (At 11:10 A.M. the hearing was
7 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
January 31, 2017, and carefully compared with my
original stenographic notes.

Michael O. Spencer,
Registered Professional
Reporter.

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