

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Review of Youngstown :
Thermal, LLC and Youngstown Thermal :
Cooling, LLC. : Case No. 17-1534-HC-UNC
:

Prepared Testimony
Of
Patrick Donlon
Rates and Analysis Department

Staff Exhibit __

- 1 1. Q. Please state your name and business address.
- 2 A. My name is Patrick Donlon. My business address is 180 East Broad Street,
3 Columbus, Ohio, 43215.
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- 5 2. Q. By whom and in what capacity are you employed?
- 6 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) as the
7 Director of the Rates and Analysis Department.
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- 9 3. Q. How long have you been in your present position?
- 10 A. I assumed my present position in November 2014.
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- 12 4. Q. What are your responsibilities in your current position?
- 13 A. In my current position, I am responsible for directing the activities of the Rates
14 and Analysis Department of the PUCO, which generally includes department
15 oversight on all policy matters, procedures, workload, goals, and other department
16 activities.
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- 18 5. Q. Will you describe briefly your educational and business background?
- 19 A. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting with a minor in Economics
20 Management from Ohio Wesleyan University in 2000. In 2010, I earned a Master
21 of Business Administration degree from Franklin University. I worked for
22 American Electric Power (AEP) for just under ten years in two stints with the
23 company serving in various roles. For AEP, I was an accountant in the

24 Generation Accounting Department; an Hourly Energy Trader for AEP focusing
25 in the Southwestern Power Pool market; a Fuel, Emissions and Logistics
26 Coordinator; and a financial planning analyst in Commercial Operations. I began
27 working at the PUCO in August 2012 as Public Utilities Administrator 2 in the
28 Rates Division of the Utilities Department. I also served as the Interim Director
29 of the Energy and Environment Department, beginning in May 2014, until
30 assuming my current role in November 2014.

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32 6. Q. Have you previously provided testimony before the Public Utilities Commission
33 of Ohio?

34 A. Yes, I provided testimony in various gas and electric rate cases, electric Standard
35 Service Offer cases, energy efficiency cases, and natural gas Gas Cost Recovery
36 cases.

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38 7. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

39 A. The purpose of my testimony is to support the Staff Report filed in this case on
40 July 28, 2017 and revised on July 31, 2017.

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42 8. Q. Did you lead the Staff team responsible for creating the Staff Report and
43 recommendation contained within and ultimately adopted by Staff?

44 A. Yes.

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46 9. Q. Is the allocation of costs, based on peak demand, a common practice among
47 regulated utilities?

48 A. Yes, using peak demand is a common practice among utilities and regulated
49 bodies to allocate various cost to individual customers and among customer
50 classes.

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52 10. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

53 A. Yes.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true copy of the foregoing **Prepared Testimony of Patrick Donlon** was served by regular U.S. mail email postage prepaid and/or electronic email, this 13th day of November 2017, on the parties listed below.

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