

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the ;
Application of the Ohio :
Development Services Agency : Case No.
for an Order Approving : 17-1377-EL-USF
Adjustments to the Universal :
Service Fund Riders of :
Jurisdictional Ohio Electric :
Distribution Utilities. :

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PROCEEDINGS

Before Greta See, 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, November 30, 2017,
at 10:00 A.M.

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1 Thursday Morning,
2 November 30, 2017.

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4 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Scheduled for
5 hearing today at this time is Case No.
6 17-1377-EL-USF being entitled In the Matter of
7 the Application of the Ohio Development Services
8 Agency for an Order Approving Adjustments to the
9 Universal Service Fund Riders of Jurisdictional
10 Ohio Electric Distribution Utilities.

11 My name is Greta See, I am
12 the Attorney Examiner assigned to this
13 proceeding by the Commission.

14 At this time I would take
15 appearances of the parties. Let's start first
16 with Ohio Development Services Agency.

17 MR. STINSON: Thank you, Your Honor.
18 On behalf of the Ohio Development Services
19 Agency, the law firm of Bricker & Eckler, by
20 Dane Stinson, 100 S. Third Street, Columbus,
21 Ohio 43215.

22 I have also been asked to enter
23 the appearance for Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. of
24 Elizabeth Watts, 155 East Broad Street,
25 Columbus, Ohio 43215.

1 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Okay. Thank
2 you. Let's continue around the table.

3 MS. WHITFIELD: Good morning, Your
4 Honor. On behalf of the Kroger Company, Angie
5 Paul Whitfield of the law firm Carpenter, Lipps
6 and Leland, 280 North High Street, Suite 1300,
7 Columbus, Ohio 43215.

8 MS. BLEND: Good morning, Your
9 Honor. On behalf of Ohio Power Company, Steven
10 T. Nourse, Christen M. Blend, American Electric
11 Power Service Corporation, 1 Riverside Plaza,
12 Columbus, Ohio 43215.

13 MR. PRITCHARD: Good morning, Your
14 Honor. On behalf of Industrial Energy Users
15 Ohio, Matt Pritchard with the law firm McNeese,
16 Wallace & Nurick, 21 East State Street,
17 Columbus, Ohio 43215.

18 MR. HEALEY: Good morning, Your
19 Honor. On behalf of Bruce Weston, Ohio
20 Consumers' Counsel. I am Christopher Healey.
21 10 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 42315.

22 MR. ENDRIS: Good morning, Your
23 Honor. On behalf of Ohio Edison, the Cleveland
24 Electric Illuminating Company and The Toledo
25 Edison Company, Robert M. Endris, Carrie M. Dunn

1 and Joshua Eckert, FirstEnergy Service Company,
 2 76 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio 44308.

3 MR. SCHULER: Good morning, Your
 4 Honor. On behalf of the Dayton Power & Light
 5 Company, Michael Schuler, 1065 Woodman Drive,
 6 Dayton, Ohio 45432.

7 MS. MOONEY: On behalf of Ohio
 8 Partners for Affordable Energy, Colleen Mooney,
 9 P.O. Box 12451, Columbus, Ohio.

10 MR. MCNAMEE: And to round things
 11 out, I am Thomas McNamee, here on behalf of the
 12 Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of
 13 Ohio. The address is 30 East Broad Street, 16th
 14 Floor,, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

15 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Okay. Mr.
 16 Stinson.

17 MR. STINSON: Yes, Your Honor. ODSA
 18 would like to call Megan Meadows. If I may
 19 approach, Your Honor?

20 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Yes.

21 (WITNESS SWORN)

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23 MEGAN MEADOWS

24 called as a witness, being first duly sworn,
 25 testified as follows:

1 DIRECT EXAMINATION

2 By Mr. Stinson:

3 Q. Ms. Meadows, would you please state
4 your full name for the record?

5 A. Megan Meadows.

6 Q. And business address?

7 A. 77 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio
8 43215.

9 Q. And your position?

10 A. Assistant Deputy Chief in the office
11 of Community Assistance.

12 Q. And that's a division of the --

13 A. Ohio Development Services Agency.

14 Q. Thank you. I have placed before you
15 several documents. I would like you to just
16 identify them at this time.

17 Q. Could you identify ODSA Exhibit 1?

18 A. This is the initial application.

19 Q. And ODSA Exhibit 2?

20 A. This is the amended application.

21 Q. ODSA Exhibit 3?

22 A. This is the testimony on behalf of
23 Randall Hunt.

24 Q. And that is in support of the
25 initial application?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. And ODSA Exhibit 4?

3 A. This is my supplemental testimony.

4 Q. And it was filed on November 22nd of
5 this year?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And that is in support of the
8 amended application?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. ODSA Exhibit No. 5?

11 A. This is my testimony in support of
12 the Joint Stipulation.

13 Q. And finally Joint Exhibit 1?

14 A. This is the Joint Stipulation.

15 Q. I would like to ask you a few more
16 questions about your ODSA Exhibit 5, your
17 testimony in support of the stipulation. Was
18 that completed by you or under your direction?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Do you have any additions or
21 corrections to that testimony?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Is it true and accurate to the best
24 of your recollection?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And if I were to ask you the same
2 questions today would your answers remain
3 the same?

4 A. Yes.

5 MR. STINSON: Thank you. Your
6 Honor, at this time I will make Ms. Meadows
7 available for cross-examination.

8 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Ms. Whitfield.

9 MS. WHITFIELD; No questions from
10 Kroger, Your Honor.

11 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Ms. Blend.

12 MS. BLEND: No questions, Your
13 Honor.

14 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Mr. Pritchard.

15 MR. PRITCHARD: No questions, Your
16 Honor.

17 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Mr. Healey.

18 MR. HEALEY: No questions, Your
19 Honor. Thank you.

20 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Mr. Endris.

21 MR. ENDRIS: No questions, Your
22 Honor.

23 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Mr. Schuler.

24 MR. SCHULER: No questions, Your
25 Honor.

1 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Ms. Mooney.

2 MS. MOONEY: No questions.

3 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Mr. McNamee.

4 MR. MCNAMEE: It is
5 unanimous. I have no questions.

6 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Okay. Mr.
7 Stinson.

8 MR. STINSON: Just for clarification
9 of the record, Your Honor, as the Joint
10 Stipulation reflects the signatory parties to
11 the Joint Stipulation are the Ohio Development
12 Services Agency, the Industrial Energy Users
13 Ohio, Duke Energy Ohio, Dayton Power & Light
14 Company, and Ohio Power Company.

15 The office of Consumers' Counsel,
16 Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy, and
17 the Kroger Company are not signatory parties,
18 but are not opposed to the stipulation.

19 MR. MCNAMEE: And I should probably
20 interject an observation at this point.

21 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Okay. Go ahead,
22 Mr. McNamee.

23 MR. MCNAMEE: Your Honor, as the
24 Bench is no doubt aware having done this
25 obviously a few years now, 17 I think, maybe 16,

1 I am not sure. A lot anyway. The Staff is not
2 a signatory to the stipulation. That should not
3 be viewed as in opposition to the stipulation in
4 any way.

5 As you are aware the Staff's role in
6 these proceedings is limited to a mathematical
7 kind of review of the application that has been
8 done in this case. No problems were identified
9 as a result of that review.

10 Therefore, the Staff takes no
11 position about the outcome for this.

12 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Okay. I note
13 that the FirstEnergy Companies are not a
14 signatory to the stipulation.

15 MR. ENDRIS: That's correct, Your
16 Honor. We could be added to the list of those
17 stating that they are not opposed.

18 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Okay. Thank
19 you. Mr. Stinson.

20 MR. STINSON: Thank you. At this
21 time, Your Honor, I would move for the admission
22 of ODSA Exhibits 1 through 5 and Joint Exhibit
23 No. 1.

24 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Are there any
25 objections to the admission of ODSA Exhibits 1

1 through 5 or Joint Exhibit 1?

2 MR. MCNAMEE: No objection from the
3 Staff, Your Honor.

4 MR. HEALEY: Your Honor, I have no
5 objection. I just wanted to make a brief
6 statement about our non-opposition as well if
7 now would be a good time.

8 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Sure, Mr.
9 Healey.

10 MR. HEALEY: Thank you. Like
11 the Staff we are not supporting or opposing
12 the stipulation. And just wanted to state for
13 the record that we reserve our rights in the
14 future for all the issues related to USF cases
15 similar to the footnote that Kroger included in
16 the stipulation. Thank you.

17 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Okay. Thank
18 you.

19 MS. MOONEY: Your Honor, while doing
20 it, OPAE's position is the same as OCC in that
21 we are not opposing the stipulation, but we
22 reserve all rights to have a position in
23 the future filings that happen next year and
24 the next 20 to 30 years.

25 MS. WHITFIELD: Your Honor, I will

1 just add, on behalf the Kroger Company, I will
2 join with them, although we did note in the
3 footnotes in the stipulation our reservations.
4 But, I will also put it on the record that we
5 reserve to take any future positions. And by
6 being a non-opposing we are not accepting or
7 agreeing to any specific provisions and waiving
8 our rights in the future.

9 MS. MOONEY: OPAE is in the same
10 position as OCC and Kroger in that sense.

11 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Now, let's go
12 back. Are there any objections to the admission
13 of ODSA Exhibits 1 through 5 or Joint Exhibit 1?

14 MR. MCNAMEE: The Staff has no
15 objection to the admission of these documents.

16 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Okay. Anybody
17 else?

18 MR. SCHULER: No objection.

19 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you. Then
20 ODSA Exhibits 1 through 5 and Joint Exhibit 1
21 are admitted into the record.

22 (EXHIBITS HEREBY ADMITTED INTO
23 EVIDENCE)

24 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: With that is
25 there anything further?

1 MR. STINSON: Nothing further, Your
2 Honor, thank you.

3 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Okay. Thank
4 you, Ms. Meadows. The hearing is adjourned.

5 (At 10:10 A.M. the hearing was
6 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 November 30, 2017, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Michael O. Spencer
Michael O. Spencer,
Registered Professional
Reporter.

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