

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the :
Regulation of the Purchased :
Gas Adjustment Clauses :
Contained Within the Rate : Case No. 17-218-GA-GCR
Schedules of Duke Energy :
Ohio, Inc., and Related :
Matters. :

In the Matter of the Audit :
of the Uncollectible Expense: Case No. 17-318-GA-UEX
Rider of Duke Energy Ohio, :
Inc., and Related Matters. :

In the Matter of the :
Application of Duke Energy :
Ohio, Inc., for Approval of : Case No. 17-418-GA-PIP
an Adjustment to its :
Interim and Temporary PIPP :
Plan Rider Case. :

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PROCEEDINGS

before Mr. Kerry Sheets, Attorney Examiner, at the
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad
Street, Room 11-C, Columbus, Ohio, called at
10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 30, 2018.

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Tuesday Morning Session,
January 30, 2018.

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EXAMINER SHEETS: The Public Utilities
Commission of Ohio has set for hearing, at this time
and place, three cases involving Duke Energy Ohio:
17-218, the GCR case; 17-318, the Uncollectible
Expense Rider; and 17-418, the PIPP Rider.

My name is Kerry Sheets, I'm an Attorney
Examiner for the Commission, and I've been assigned
to hear these cases.

May I have the appearances of the
parties, please, starting with the company.

MS. KINGERY: Thank you, your Honor.
Jeanne Kingery and Rocco D'Ascenzo on behalf of Duke
Energy Ohio.

EXAMINER SHEETS: Thank you.

Now, Staff.

MR. LINDGREN: On behalf of the
Commission Staff, Ohio Attorney General, Mike DeWine,
by Thomas G. Lindgren, Assistant Attorney General,
30 East Broad Street, 16th floor, Columbus, Ohio
43215.

EXAMINER SHEETS: Thank you.

Do we have any preliminary matters to

1 take care of this morning?

2 MS. KINGERY: Your Honor, we do have an
3 outstanding motion. I don't know whether you wanted
4 to rule on that today, but it is outstanding. Other
5 than that, we have a Stipulation to present.

6 EXAMINER SHEETS: Very good. So I'll
7 take the motion under advisement and I'm sure the
8 Commission will rule on it in its Order.

9 MS. KINGERY: Thank you, your Honor.

10 EXAMINER SHEETS: Let's go ahead and mark
11 exhibits.

12 MS. KINGERY: Thank you, your Honor.

13 I would mark as Joint Exhibit 1, the
14 Stipulation and Recommendation that was filed in the
15 docket on January 12, 2018. I would also mark as
16 Duke Energy Ohio Exhibit 1, the testimony of Jeff
17 Kern, docketed on January 12, 2018; and as Duke
18 Energy Ohio Exhibit 2, the Proof of Publication which
19 was docketed on January 29, 2018.

20 (EXHIBITS MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

21 EXAMINER SHEETS: Very good. Do you have
22 any witnesses? Excuse me.

23 Do you have any exhibits to mark?

24 MR. LINDGREN: Yes, your Honor.

25 I would like to have marked

as Commission-Ordered Exhibit 1, the Independent Accountants' Report on the Uniform Purchased Gas Adjustment for the 12-Month Period Ended August 29, 2017, in Case No. 17-218-GA-GCR.

I would also like to have marked as Commission-Ordered Exhibit 2, the Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures concerning the Uncollectible Expense Recovery Mechanism.

And finally, I would like to have marked as Commission-Ordered Exhibit 3, the Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures concerning the Percentage of Income Payment Plan Rider. Thank you.

(EXHIBITS MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

EXAMINER SHEETS: Very good.

Do you have any witnesses to call today?

MS. KINGERY: Yes, your Honor. Duke Energy Ohio would call Jeff Kern to the stand.

EXAMINER SHEETS: Raise your right hand.

(Witness sworn.)

EXAMINER SHEETS: Be seated.

MS. KINGERY: Your Honor, may I approach the witness?

EXAMINER SHEETS: You may.

MS. KINGERY: I have just presented the witness with Duke Energy Ohio Exhibit 1.

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JEFF L. KERN

being first duly sworn, as prescribed by law, was examined and testified as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION

By Ms. Kingery:

Q. Would you please state your name and business address for the record.

A. My name is Jeff Kern. My address is 139 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

Q. Thank you.

And do you have in front of you what has just been marked as Duke Energy Ohio Exhibit 1?

A. Yes, I do.

Q. And is that your testimony prefiled with the Commission?

A. Yes, it is.

Q. Thank you.

And do you have any corrections or modifications to make to that testimony?

A. No, I do not.

Q. And if I were to ask you all of those same questions today, would your answers be the same?

1 A. Yes, they would.

2 MS. KINGERY: The witness is available
3 for cross-examination.

4 EXAMINER SHEETS: Do you have any
5 questions, Mr. Lindgren?

6 MR. LINDGREN: No, thank you, your Honor.

7 EXAMINER SHEETS: Very good.

8 You're excused.

9 I will, at this time, now admit all
10 exhibits into evidence.

11 (EXHIBITS ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

12 EXAMINER SHEETS: Is there anything else
13 to take care of this morning?

14 MS. KINGERY: No, your Honor.

15 MR. LINDGREN: No, your Honor.

16 EXAMINER SHEETS: Very good. I'll
17 consider these cases submitted on the record, and I
18 thank you all for coming.

19 MS. KINGERY: Thank you very much.

20 MR. LINDGREN: Thank you.

21 (Thereupon, at 10:06 a.m., the hearing
22 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 Tuesday, January 30, 2018, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Carolyn M. Burke
Carolyn M. Burke, Registered
Professional Reporter, and
Notary Public in and for the
State of Ohio.

My commission expires July 17, 2018.

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