

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Review of Duke)	
Energy of Ohio, Inc.'s Distribution)	Case No. 17-1118-EL-RDR
Capital Investment Rider.)	

**TESTIMONY
OF
DORIS MCCARTER
CAPITAL RECOVERY AND FINANCIAL ANALYSIS DIVISION
RATES AND ANALYSIS DEPARTMENT**

STAFF EXHIBIT NO. _____

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1. Q. Please state your name and business address.

A. My name is Doris McCarter. My address is 180 East Broad Street,
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793.

2. Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio as a Public
Utilities Administrator 3, in the Capital Recovery and Financial Analysis
Division of the Rates and Analysis Department.

3. Q. Please briefly state your educational background.

A. I received a Masters in Public Administration from Columbia University. I
have been employed by the PUCO since December, 1989 in various
capacities: Commissioner Aide to Commissioner Richard M. Fanelly;
Utility Specialist 2 in the Telecommunications Division of the Utilities
Department; and Deputy Director of the Service Monitoring and
Enforcement Department.

4. Q. Please describe your responsibilities in relation to this case.

A. I am the staff person who has supervisory oversight of Duke's Distribution
Capital Investment Rider.

1 5. Q. Have you testified in prior proceedings before the Commission?

2 A. Yes.

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4 6. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?

5 A. I am supporting the Stipulation and Recommendation (Stipulation) filed in
6 this proceeding on June 22, 2018.

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8 6. Q. Were all of the parties (including Staff) to this proceeding present at
9 negotiations that resulted in the Stipulation?

10 A. Settlement meetings were noticed to all parties and all parties were present
11 either in person or by phone or they chose not to participate. The Staff was
12 present at all of the negotiations.

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14 7. Q. Do you believe the Stipulation filed in this case is the product of serious
15 bargaining among knowledgeable parties?

16 A. Yes. This agreement is the product of an open process in which all parties
17 were represented by able counsel and technical experts and the decisions
18 made were based upon thorough analysis of complex issues. The
19 Stipulation represents a comprehensive compromise of issues raised by
20 parties with diverse interests. Overall, I believe that the Stipulation that the
21 parties are recommending for Commission adoption presents a fair and

1 reasonable result.

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3 8. Q. In your opinion, does the Settlement benefit ratepayers and promote the
4 public interest?

5 A. Yes. The Stipulation benefits customers and the public interest and
6 represents a just and reasonable resolution of all issues in this proceeding.
7 The settlement is in the public interest for the following reasons:

- 8 • The Stipulation results in a reduction of the Company's DCI revenue
9 requirement in the amount of \$4,283,979, which provides direct benefits
10 to all customers by lowering the revenue requirement:
- 11 • The Stipulation provides for the filing of an annual report detailing the
12 19 DCI programs as found in Case No. 14-841-EL-SSO, et. al.
13 Information that will be included in the filing are a general description
14 of each program, a description of how each program is designed to
15 improve reliability for customers, a description of how each program
16 affects Duke's annual filing under Ohio Admin. Code 4901:1-10-11, the
17 expected reliability improvement under each program, the equipment
18 that is affected by each program, the unit of measure for each program,
19 the costs expended under each program, and the costs estimated for each
20 program.

- The Stipulation provides for the inclusion in the next DCI annual audit of a review of the effectiveness of Duke Energy Ohio's work order estimating process.
- The Stipulation recommends the adoption of all of the adjustments recommended by the Independent DCI Compliance Auditor.
- The Stipulation represents a just and reasonable resolution of all issues in this proceeding while avoiding the added cost of litigation and the potential for additional carrying charges.

9. Q. Does the Stipulation violate any important regulatory principle?

A. No. My understanding is that the Stipulation complies with all relevant and important principles and practices.

12. Q. Are you recommending its adoption by the Commission?

A. Yes. I believe the Stipulation represents a fair and reasonable compromise of diverse interests and provides a fair result for all Ohio customers.

13. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

A. Yes, it does.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that the foregoing **Testimony of Doris McCarter** has been served upon all of the parties of record in Case No. 17-1118-EL-RDR by electronic and/or U.S. mail, postage pre-paid mail this 6th day of August, 2018.

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