

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the :
Application of the Ohio :
Development Services :
Agency for an Order :
Approving Adjustments to : Case No. 18-976-EL-USF
the Universal Service Fund:
Riders of Jurisdictional :
Ohio Electric Distribution:
Utilities. :

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PROCEEDINGS

before Ms. Greta See, 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, August 7, 2018.

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1 Tuesday Morning Session,
2 August 7, 2018.

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4 EXAMINER SEE: Let's go on the record.
5 Being scheduled for today at this time
6 before the Public Utilities Commission is Case No.
7 18-976-EL-USF being entitled in the Matter of the
8 Application of Ohio Development Services Agency for
9 an Order Approving Adjustments to the Universal
10 Service Fund Riders of Jurisdictional Ohio Electric
11 Distribution Utilities.

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

14 At this time I would like to take
15 appearances of the parties beginning with the Ohio
16 Development Services Association -- Agency.

17 MR. STINSON: Yes, your Honor. Thank
18 you. On behalf of the Ohio Development Services
19 Association, Dane Stinson -- sorry.

20 EXAMINER SEE: Let's strike the
21 Association.

22 MR. STINSON: The firm of Bricker &
23 Eckler by Dane Stinson, 100 South Third Street,
24 Columbus, Ohio 43215.

25 EXAMINER SEE: And let's continue around

1 the table.

2 MS. MEADOWS: Megan Meadows, Assistant
3 Deputy Chief of the Ohio Development Services Agency.

4 EXAMINER SEE: We are taking appearances
5 of counsel, thank you, Ms. Meadows.

6 MS. BOTSCHNER O'BRIEN: My name is Amy
7 Botschner O'Brien. I'm appearing on behalf of the
8 Ohio Consumers' Counsel, 65 East State Street, 7th
9 Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

10 MR. PRITCHARD: Thank you. On behalf of
11 the Industrial Energy Users of Ohio, Matt Pritchard
12 with the law firm McNees, Wallace & Nurick, 21 East
13 State Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

14 MS. BLEND: Good morning, your Honor. On
15 behalf of Ohio Power Company, Christen M. Blend, One
16 Riverside Plaza, 29th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

17 MR. SCHULER: Good morning, your Honor.
18 Michael Schuler on behalf of the Dayton Power and
19 Light Company.

20 I would also like to enter an appearance
21 for Elizabeth Watts on behalf of Duke Energy Ohio.

22 MS. WATCHORN: Good morning, your Honor.
23 On behalf of Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland
24 Electric Illuminating Company, and The Toledo Edison
25 Company, Christine Watchorn with the law firm Ulmer &

1 Berne, 65 East State Street, Suite 1100, Columbus,
2 Ohio. Thank you.

3 EXAMINER SEE: I'm sorry. And tell me
4 your name again, please.

5 MS. WATCHORN: Christine Watchorn.

6 EXAMINER SEE: Watchell?

7 MS. WATCHORN: W-A-T-C-H-O-R-N.

8 MS. MOONEY: On behalf of Ohio Partners
9 for Affordable Energy, I'm Colleen Mooney, Post
10 Office Box 12451, Columbus, Ohio.

11 MR. McNAMEE: On behalf of the Staff of
12 the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, I am Thomas
13 McNamee, Assistant Attorney General. The address is
14 30 East Broad Street, 16th Floor, Columbus, Ohio
15 43215.

16 EXAMINER SEE: Okay. Mr. Stinson.

17 MR. STINSON: Yes, your Honor. At this
18 time I would like to call Megan Meadows.

19 (Witness sworn.)

20 EXAMINER SEE: Have a seat.

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MEGAN MEADOWS

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

DIRECT EXAMINATION

By Mr. Stinson:

Q. Would you please state your full name for
the record.

A. Megan Meadows.

Q. And your business address?

A. 77 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Q. I'm sorry. And by whom are you employed
and in what capacity?

A. The Ohio Development Services Agency as
Assistant Deputy Chief.

MR. STINSON: If I could approach, your
Honor.

EXAMINER SEE: Yes.

Q. Ms. Meadows, I've been placed in front of
you three documents, ODSA Exhibit 1, ODSA Exhibit 2,
and Joint Exhibit No. 1. Would you identify ODSA
Exhibit 1, please.

A. Yes. It's the Notice of Intent to file
an application.

Q. And could you identify Joint Exhibit 1.

A. It's the Joint Stipulation and

1 Recommendation.

2 Q. And finally ODSA Exhibit 2.

3 A. It is my testimony in support of the
4 Joint Stipulation.

5 Q. Now, referring to ODSA Exhibit 2, which
6 is your testimony, was that prepared by you or under
7 your direction?

8 A. Under my direction.

9 Q. Do you have any additions, corrections,
10 or amendments to that testimony?

11 A. No, I do not.

12 Q. If I were to ask you the same questions
13 today, would your answers remain the same?

14 A. Yes.

15 MR. STINSON: Thank you. At this point,
16 your Honor, I would tender Ms. Meadows for
17 cross-examination.

18 EXAMINER SEE: Okay. Ms. O'Brien?

19 MS. BOTSCHNER O'BRIEN: We don't have any
20 cross for this witness.

21 EXAMINER SEE: Mr. Pritchard?

22 MR. PRITCHARD: No cross, your Honor.

23 EXAMINER SEE: Ms. Blend?

24 MS. BLEND: No questions, your Honor.

25 Thank you.

1 EXAMINER SEE: Mr. Shuler?

2 MR. SCHULER: No questions, your Honor.

3 EXAMINER SEE: Ms. Watchner?

4 MS. WATCHORN: No questions, your Honor.

5 EXAMINER SEE: Was that correct?

6 MS. WATCHORN: Watchorn like Watch O-R-N.

7 EXAMINER SEE: And Ms. Mooney?

8 MS. MOONEY: No questions.

9 EXAMINER SEE: Mr. McNamee?

10 MR. McNAMEE: No questions at all.

11 EXAMINER SEE: Okay. The Bench has none

12 for you either, Ms. Meadows.

13 MR. STINSON: At this time, your Honor, I

14 would move the admission of ODSA Exhibits 1 and 2 and

15 Joint Exhibit 1.

16 EXAMINER SEE: Are there any objections

17 to the admission of Joint Exhibit 1, ODSA Exhibit 1,

18 or ODSA Exhibit 2?

19 MR. McNAMEE: No objections from the

20 Staff, your Honor.

21 MS. MOONEY: No objections.

22 MS. WATCHORN: No objections.

23 MR. SCHULER: No objections, your Honor.

24 MS. BLEND: No objections, your Honor.

25 MR. PRITCHARD: No objections.

1 MS. BOTSCHNER O'BRIEN: No objections.

2 EXAMINER SEE: Then ODSA Exhibits 1 and 2
3 and Joint Exhibit 1 are admitted into the record.

4 (EXHIBITS ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

5 EXAMINER SEE: Mr. McNamee.

6 MR. McNAMEE: At this point it might be
7 useful for me to make an observation. The Bench will
8 note that the Staff is not a signatory to the Joint
9 Stipulation. That should not be taken as indicating
10 any opposition whatsoever to the stipulation.

11 Rather, it represents the somewhat limited nature of
12 the Staff's involvement in these cases as the Bench
13 is well aware having done this for 18 years now,
14 the -- yeah, old enough to vote.

15 MS. MOONEY: But not legally.

16 MR. McNAMEE: Probably not. The Staff's
17 involvement in these cases is limited to a
18 mathematical review which has been performed. There
19 are no mathematical problems in the presentation and
20 that's the extent of the Staff's involvement. It has
21 no opposition to the stipulation at all.

22 EXAMINER SEE: Thank you, Mr. McNamee.

23 Is there anything else?

24 Yes.

25 MS. BOTSCHNER O'BRIEN: Ohio Consumers'

1 Counsel would like to be on the record to say that we
2 are not signatories to the stipulation. We didn't
3 join the stipulation, but we do not oppose the
4 stipulation at this time.

5 EXAMINER SEE: Thank you.

6 Ms. Mooney.

7 MS. MOONEY: Your Honor, OPAC is in the
8 same position as OCC. We are not a signatory party.
9 We are not opposing or supporting the stipulation,
10 and it is in the footnote of the...

11 EXAMINER SEE: Of the stipulation itself.

12 MS. MOONEY: Yes.

13 EXAMINER SEE: And in Ms. Meadows'
14 testimony so.

15 Anything further?

16 MR. McNAMEE: Nothing from the Staff,
17 your Honor.

18 EXAMINER SEE: If there is nothing
19 further, the hearing is adjourned.

20 (Thereupon, at 10:08 a.m., the hearing
21 was adjourned.)

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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, August 7,
2018, and carefully compared with my original
stenographic notes.

Karen Sue Gibson

Karen Sue Gibson, Registered
Merit Reporter.

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