

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF JOINT STIPULATION

BY

MEGAN MEADOWS

ON BEHALF OF
THE OHIO DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY

December 5, 2018

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On Behalf of The Ohio Development Services Agency

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

2 A. My name is Megan Meadows. My business address is Ohio Development Services
3 Agency ("ODSA"), 77 South High Street, 26th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1001.

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

5 A. I am employed by ODSA in its Office of Community Assistance ("OCA") as Assistant
6 Deputy Chief.

7 **Q. Are you the same Megan Meadows who filed direct testimony in support of the**
8 **Universal Service Fund ("USF") rider adjustment application in this proceeding on**
9 **October 31, 2018 and the amended application on November 29, 2018?**

10 A. Yes, I am. That testimony sets forth my educational background and employment
11 experience, as well as my duties and responsibilities in my current position as OCA's
12 Assistant Deputy Chief.

13 **Q. Have you previously testified before this Commission?**

14 A. Yes, I testified in the prior USF rider adjustment proceedings, Case Nos. 16-1223-EL-
15 USF and 17-1377-EL-USF.

16 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

17 A. The purpose of my testimony is to support the Joint Stipulation and Recommendation
18 ("Joint Stipulation") filed contemporaneously with this testimony in support. The Joint
19 Stipulation, which seeks approval of ODSA's amended application ("Amended
20 Application"), was filed December 5, 2018, and was entered into by ODSA, The Dayton

1 Power & Light Company, Ohio Power Company, Duke Energy Ohio, and the Industrial
2 Energy Users - Ohio. The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, The Toledo Edison
3 Company, Ohio Edison Company, The Kroger Co., Staff, the Office of the Ohio
4 Consumers' Counsel, and Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy have not joined the
5 stipulation, but do not oppose it. The Signatory Parties recommend that the Commission
6 issue an Opinion and Order approving the Amended Application filed November 29,
7 2018. This testimony demonstrates that: (1) the Joint Stipulation is a product of serious
8 bargaining among capable, knowledgeable parties; (2) the Joint Stipulation does not
9 violate any important regulatory principle or practice; and (3) the Joint Stipulation, as a
10 whole, will benefit customers and the public interest.

11 **Q. Please summarize the major provisions of the Joint Stipulation.**

12 A. The Joint Stipulation adopts the annual USF rider revenue requirement and the USF rider
13 rate to collect the revenue requirement for each of the electric distribution utilities
14 ("EDUs") in 2019. The Joint Stipulation further agrees to follow the NOI process first
15 adopted in Case No. 04-1616-EL-UNC and requires ODSA to file its NOI by May 31,
16 2019, and its application no later than October 31, 2019.

17 **Q. Does the Joint Stipulation represent a product of serious bargaining among capable,**
18 **knowledgeable parties?**

19 A. Yes, it does. The parties to this case have been actively participating in the USF
20 proceedings and a number of other Commission proceedings for several years. All
21 parties were represented by experienced, competent counsel. All parties were given the
22 opportunity to participate in a prehearing conference, and to enter into settlement

1 discussions on the proposed Joint Stipulation. Many of the parties to this USF
2 proceeding are signatories to prior stipulations. Therefore, the Joint Stipulation
3 represents a product of serious bargaining among capable, knowledgeable parties.

4 **Q. Does the Joint Stipulation benefit consumers and the public interest?**

5 A. Yes, it does. The Joint Stipulation ensures adequate funding for the low-income
6 customer assistance programs and the consumer education programs administered by
7 ODSA. Moreover, the Joint Stipulation benefits consumers and the public interest
8 because the USF rider rates represent the minimal rates necessary to collect the EDUs'
9 USF rider revenue requirements.

10 **Q. Does the Joint Stipulation violate any important regulatory principles and**
11 **practices?**

12 A. No. The USF rider revenue requirement and rider rate were determined in accordance
13 with the NOI methodology approved by Opinion and Order issued September 19, 2018.

14 **Q. Should the Commission approve the Joint Stipulation and Recommendation?**

15 A. Yes.

16 **Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

17 A. Yes.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing *Testimony in Support of Joint Stipulation* has been served upon the following parties by first class mail, postage prepaid, and/or electronic mail this 5th day December 2018.



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