

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 Wednesday, December 5, 2018.

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Wednesday Morning Session,
December 5, 2018.

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EXAMINER SEE: Scheduled for hearing
today, at this time, is Case No. 18-976-EL-USF, being
entitled "In the Matter of the Application of Ohio
Development Services Agency for an Order Approving
Adjustments to the Universal Service Fund Riders of
Jurisdictional Ohio Electric Distribution Utilities."

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

At this time, I'd like to take
appearances of the parties, starting with Ohio
Development Services Agency.

MR. STINSON: Thank you, Your Honor. On
behalf of Ohio Development Services Agency, Dane
Stinson; Bricker & Eckler, LLP, 100 South Third
Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

I've also been authorized to enter the
appearance of Elizabeth H. Watts on behalf of Duke
Energy Ohio; 155 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio
43215.

EXAMINER SEE: Thank you.

And if we could start to my right and go

1 around the table.

2 MR. STINSON: Your Honor, I'm sorry. I
3 had one more appearance.

4 EXAMINER SEE: Go ahead.

5 MR. STINSON: On behalf of Ohio Power,
6 Christen M. Blend; 1 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, Ohio
7 43215.

8 MR. McNAMEE: On behalf of the Staff of
9 the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, I'm Thomas
10 McNamee, M-c-N-a-m-e-e. The address is 30 East Broad
11 Street, 16th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

12 MR. PRITCHARD: On behalf of IEU-Ohio,
13 Matt Pritchard with the law firm McNees, Wallace &
14 Nurick; 21 East State Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

15 MR. SCHULER: On behalf of The Dayton
16 Power & Light Company, Michael Schuler; 1065 Woodman
17 Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45432.

18 MS. BOTSCHNER O'BRIEN: On behalf of the
19 Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, Amy Botschner
20 O'Brien; 65 East State Street, 7th Floor, Columbus,
21 Ohio 43215.

22 MS. WATCHORN: On behalf of The Cleveland
23 Electric Illuminating Company, The Toledo Edison
24 Company, and Ohio Edison, Christine Watchorn with the
25 law firm of Ulmer & Berne; 65 East State Street,

1 Suite 1100, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

2 MS. DANFORD: On behalf of Ohio Edison
3 Company, The Toledo Edison Company, and The Cleveland
4 Electric Illuminating Company, Emily Danford with
5 FirstEnergy; 76 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio 44308.

6 MS. BOJKO: Thank you, Your Honor. On
7 behalf of The Kroger Company, the law firm Carpenter
8 Lipps & Leland; Kimberly W. Bojko, Angela Paul
9 Whitfield; 280 North High Street, Suite 1300,
10 Columbus, Ohio 43215.

11 MS. MOONEY: On behalf of Ohio Partners
12 for Affordable Energy, Colleen Mooney; Post Office
13 Box 12451, Columbus, Ohio.

14 EXAMINER SEE: Okay. With that,
15 Mr. Stinson.

16 MR. STINSON: Yes, Your Honor. At this
17 point, I would like to call our witness, Megan
18 Meadows.

19 EXAMINER SEE: Ms. Meadows, if you would
20 raise your right hand.

21 (Witness sworn.)

22 EXAMINER SEE: Thank you. 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. Ms. Meadows, would you please state your
full name and business address for the record.

A. Megan Meadows. 77 South High Street,
Columbus, Ohio 43215.

Q. And by whom are you employed and in what
capacity?

A. I'm employed by the Ohio Development
Services Agency as the Assistant Deputy Chief for the
Office of Community Assistance.

Q. Ms. Meadows, I've given you a packet of
documents prior to taking the stand. I just want to
go through and identify those at this point. Could
you identify ODSA Exhibit 1?

A. Yes. That is the Application.

Q. And ODSA Exhibit 2?

A. That is the Testimony of Randall Hunt.

Q. And ODSA Exhibit 3?

A. Is the Testimony of Megan Meadows.

Q. ODSA Exhibit 4?

A. That is the Amended Application.

1 Q. ODSA Exhibit 5?

2 A. That is the Supplemental Testimony of
3 Megan Meadows.

4 Q. And ODSA Exhibit 6?

5 A. That is the Testimony in Support of the
6 Joint Stipulation by Megan Meadows.

7 Q. Finally, Joint Exhibit 1.

8 A. The Joint Stipulation and Recommendation.

9 Q. I want to draw your attention, next, to
10 the testimonies you filed in this proceeding, those
11 would be ODSA Exhibits 3, 5, and 6, and ask you if
12 those testimonies were prepared by you or under your
13 direct supervision?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And do you have any additions or changes
16 to those testimonies?

17 A. No.

18 Q. If I were to ask you the same questions
19 that appear in those testimonies today, would your
20 answers be the same?

21 A. Yes.

22 MR. STINSON: Thank you.

23 At this point, Your Honor, I tender the
24 witness for cross-examination.

25 EXAMINER SEE: Let's start on this side

1 of the room.

2 Ms. Mooney.

3 MS. MOONEY: No cross.

4 EXAMINER SEE: Ms. Whitfield or --

5 MS. WHITFIELD: No cross.

6 EXAMINER SEE: -- Ms. Bojko.

7 Ms. Danford.

8 MS. DANFORD: No cross.

9 MS. WATCHORN: No cross, Your Honor.

10 EXAMINER SEE: Okay.

11 MS. BOTSCHNER O'BRIEN: We have no cross.

12 MR. PRITCHARD: No cross --

13 EXAMINER SEE: Mr. Pritchard.

14 MR. PRITCHARD: -- Your Honor.

15 EXAMINER SEE: And Mr. Schuler.

16 MR. SCHULER: No cross, Your Honor.

17 EXAMINER SEE: And Mr. McNamee.

18 MR. MCNAMEE: Your Honor, Staff has no

19 questions, of course. I would interject at this

20 point, in examining the Stipulation, the Bench will

21 note that the Staff is not a signatory. This should

22 not be viewed as any opposition to the Stipulation;

23 rather, the Staff's -- it reflects the Staff's rather

24 limited role in these proceedings. The Staff

25 performs a mathematical review of the filings, it has

1 done so in this case, it has found no problems and,
2 therefore, the Staff takes no position.

3 EXAMINER SEE: Thank you, Mr. McNamee.

4 Are there any further questions from
5 Mr. Stinson?

6 MR. STINSON: No, Your Honor. At this
7 point, I would move the admission of ODSA Exhibits 1
8 through 6 and Joint Exhibit 1.

9 EXAMINER SEE: I have just one question
10 for the witness before I move -- before I ask if
11 there are any objections.

12 You mentioned in, I believe, your Amended
13 Testimony, you recognize that the Commission has
14 ordered that monies be applied from AEP Ohio to the
15 revenue requirement for the USF Fund. Is that
16 reflected in your testimony and in the revised rates
17 that are in the Stipulation?

18 THE WITNESS: Yes.

19 EXAMINER SEE: Okay. With that, are
20 there any objections to the admission of ODSA
21 Exhibits 1 through 6 and Joint Exhibit 1?

22 MS. WHITFIELD: No, Your Honor.

23 MR. McNAMEE: No objection from the
24 Staff, Your Honor.

25 MR. PRITCHARD: No objection.

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MR. SCHULER: No objection.

MS. BOTSCHNER O'BRIEN: No objections.

MS. WATCHORN: No objections.

MS. DANFORD: No objections.

MS. BOJKO: No objections.

MS. MOONEY: No objection.

EXAMINER SEE: With that, ODSA Exhibits 1 through 6 and Joint Exhibit 1 are admitted into the record.

(EXHIBITS ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

EXAMINER SEE: Thank you very much.

Is there anything further?

MR. STINSON: No, Your Honor.

EXAMINER SEE: With that, the hearing is adjourned.

(Thereupon, the proceedings concluded at 10:13 a.m.)

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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 Wednesday, December 5, 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, 2023.

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Summary: Transcript In the Matter of the Application of the Ohio Development Services Agency for an Order Approving Adjustments to the Universal Service Fund Riders of Jurisdictional Ohio Electric Distribution Utilities, hearing held on December 5th, 2018. electronically filed by Mr. Ken Spencer on behalf of Armstrong & Okey, Inc. and Burke, Carolyn