

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the :
Regulation of the Purchased:Case No.
Gas Adjustment Clauses :19-210-GA-GCR
Contained Within the Rate :
Schedules of Glenwood :
Energy of Oxford, Inc. :

In the Matter of the :
Regulation of the :Case No.
Uncollectible Expense Rider:19-310-GA-UEx
of Glenwood Energy of :
Oxford, Inc. :

In the Matter of the :
Percentage of Income :Case No.
Payment Plan Rider of :19-410-GA-PIP
Glenwood Energy of :
Oxford, Inc. :

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PROCEEDINGS

Before Greta See, Attorney Examiner, held at the
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on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at 10:00 A.M.

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1 Tuesday Morning,
2 February 25, 2020.

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4 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Scheduled for
5 today at this time before the Public Utilities
6 Commission of Ohio are three cases.

7 The first Case No. 19-210-GA-GCR
8 being entitled In the Matter of the Regulation
9 of the Purchased Gas Adjustment Clauses
10 Contained Within the Rate Schedules of Glenwood
11 Energy of Oxford Incorporated.

12 Case No. 19-310-GA-UEx entitled In
13 the Matter of the Regulation of the
14 Uncollectible Expense Rider of Glenwood Energy
15 of Oxford Incorporated.

16 And Case No. 19-410-GA-PIP being in
17 the Matter of the Percentage of Income Payment
18 Plan Rider of Glenwood Energy of Oxford
19 Incorporated.

20 My name is Greta See and I have been
21 appointed to preside over this case on behalf of
22 the Commission. At this time I would like to
23 take appearances of the parties. Let's start
24 with counsel for Glenwood Energy.

25 MR. SETTINERI: Good morning, Your

1 Honor. On behalf of Glenwood Energy of Oxford,
 2 Inc., Mike Settineri of the law firm of Vorys,
 3 Sater, Seymour & Pease, 52 East Gay Street,
 4 Columbus, Ohio 43215.

5 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: And on behalf of
 6 the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of
 7 Ohio.

8 MR. MARGARD: Good morning, Your
 9 Honor. On behalf of the Staff of the Public
 10 Utilities Commission, Dave Yost, Ohio Attorney
 11 General, by John Jones, Section Chief, Public
 12 Utilities Section, and Assistant Attorney
 13 General Werner L. Margard, 30 East Broad Street,
 14 16th Floor, Columbus, Ohio.

15 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Okay. Mr.
 16 Settineri, do you want to start matters off?

17 MR. SETTINERI: Sure, Your Honor.
 18 I would be glad to. At this time we would like
 19 to call Mr. Rich Perkins to the stand.

20 (WITNESS SWORN)

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22 RICH PERKINS
 23 called as a witness, being first duly sworn,
 24 testified as follows:

25 DIRECT EXAMINATION

1 By Mr. Settineri:

2 Q. Good morning, Mr. Perkins. Could
3 you please state your name and business address
4 for the record?

5 A. Yes. Rich Perkins, with Glenwood
6 Energy of Oxford, Inc., 5181 College Corner
7 Pike, Oxford, Ohio 45056.

8 Q. And on whose behalf are you
9 testifying today?

10 A. Glenwood Energy of Oxford, Inc.

11 MR. SETTINERI: Your Honor, at this
12 time we would like to mark as Glenwood Exhibit 1
13 a proof of publication of the newspaper notice
14 for this proceeding.

15 And we provided a copy to the court
16 reporter. And, Your Honor, would you like a
17 copy as well?

18 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Yes. I do not
19 have a copy. Thank you.

20 MR. SETTINERI: Again, Your Honor,
21 we would like to mark this as Glenwood Exhibit
22 1.

23 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: So marked

24 (EXHIBIT MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION)

25 Q. Mr. Perkins, do you have a copy of

1 what's been marked as Glenwood Exhibit 1?

2 A. Yes, I do.

3 Q. Could you identify that for
4 the record, please?

5 A. Yes. It's the publication notice
6 proof of publication for our January 31st, 2020
7 notice for this hearing.

8 Q. And did you cause that notice to be
9 published by the company?

10 A. Yes, we did.

11 MR. SETTINERI: Thank you, Mr.
12 Perkins. Your Honor, at this time we have
13 nothing more for the witness. It's my
14 understanding I believe the Staff would be
15 presenting a witness for the stipulation.

16 MR. MARGARD: Yes.

17 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Okay. Thank you
18 very much, Mr. Perkins. You can step down.

19 THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your
20 Honor.

21 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Mr. Margard.

22 MR. MARGARD: Thank you, Your Honor.
23 Staff would call Mr. Tornain Matthews to the
24 stand.

25 (WITNESS SWORN)

1 TORNAIN MATTHEWS

2 called as a witness, being first duly sworn,
3 testified as follows:

4 DIRECT EXAMINATION

5 By Mr. Margard:

6 Q. Sir, please state your name.

7 A. Legal name is Tornain Matthews.

8 And that's spelled T-O-R-N-A-I-N.

9 Q. And by whom are you employed and in
10 what capacity, please?

11 A. The Public Utilities Commission of
12 Ohio as a Utility Specialist.

13 MR. MARGARD: Thank you. Your
14 Honor, will the record please reflect that I
15 have placed before the witness, the Bench and
16 the court reporter a series of documents.

17 The first being the Financial Audit
18 of the Gas Cost Recovery Mechanisms for
19 the Period January 1, 2017 through December 31,
20 2018 for Glenwood Energy of Oxford, Inc. filed
21 in the docket on November 22, 2019 marked for
22 purposes of identification as Commission Ordered
23 Exhibit 1.

24 Also, Your Honor, the Audit of the
25 Uncollectible Expense Mechanisms for the Periods

1 January 2017 through December 2018 in Case No.
2 19-310-GA-UEx filed in the docket on November
3 22, 2019 and marked for purposes of
4 identification as Commission Ordered Exhibit 2.

5 The Audit of the Percentage of
6 Income Payment Plan Mechanisms for the Period
7 January 2017 through December 2018 filed in the
8 docket of Case No. 19-410-GA-PIP for Glenwood
9 Energy of Oxford, Inc. on November 22, 2019 and
10 marked for purposes of identification as
11 Commission Ordered Exhibit 3.

12 Finally, Your Honor, the Joint
13 Exhibit No. 1, the Stipulation and
14 Recommendation filed in this matter.

15 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Okay. The
16 exhibits are so marked for identification.

17 (EXHIBITS MARKED FOR PURPOSE OF
18 IDENTIFICATION)

19 Q. Mr. Matthews, do you have those
20 documents before you?

21 A. Yes, I do.

22 Q. Can we turn your attention first, if
23 I can please, to the Commission Ordered Exhibits
24 No. 1, 2 and 3?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Did you have some involvement in the
2 preparation of these documents?

3 A. Yes, I did.

4 Q. And what was that involvement, sir?

5 A. I conducted the GCR audit and
6 prepared the Staff Report, and was part of
7 the team that reviewed the UEX and the PIP Staff
8 Reports.

9 Q. Have you reviewed these documents
10 prior to taking the stand today?

11 A. Yes, I have.

12 Q. And do you have any changes or
13 corrections of any kind to the documents?

14 A. No, sir.

15 Q. And do these accurately reflect the
16 Staff's findings with respect to these audits?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Do you have also before you what has
19 been marked as Joint Exhibit No. 1?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And what is that document, please?

22 A. This is the Stipulation and
23 Recommendation for the GCR and UEX and PIP.

24 Q. And is my understanding correct that
25 this Stipulation and Recommendation accepts all

1 of the findings and recommendations made by the
2 Commission's Staff in the audits identified as
3 Commission Ordered Exhibits 1, 2 and 3?

4 A. Yes, sir.

5 Q. And were you involved in the
6 discussions and negotiations that resulted in
7 Joint Exhibit No. 1?

8 A. Yes, sir.

9 Q. And based on your knowledge and
10 experience was this agreement entered into by
11 capable and knowledgeable parties?

12 A. Yes, sir, it was.

13 Q. Sir, are there benefits to the
14 public interest or to consumers in entering into
15 this agreement?

16 A. Yes, there are benefits. Staff
17 conducts these audits to verify that the costs
18 that the utility incurs to provide natural gas
19 service to the customers is accurate. And also
20 to verify that those costs are accurately
21 included in customer's rates.

22 During the course of this audit
23 Staff noticed some differences as they relate to
24 the UEX, PIP and the GCR, and Staff made
25 adjustments based on those differences. And

1 those adjustments are highlighted in the
2 stipulation.

3 Q. There are also recommendations as to
4 business practices and so forth for future
5 proceedings?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. So in your opinion these
8 resolutions, these recommendations, not only
9 resolve the issues in this matter, but
10 presumably pave the way for cleaner audits in
11 the future?

12 A. Yes, sir. I believe so.

13 Q. In your opinion, sir, does this
14 agreement violate any regulatory practices or
15 principles?

16 A. No, sir, not that I am aware of.

17 Q. And is it your recommendation that
18 the Commission accept this Stipulation and
19 Recommendation without modification?

20 A. Yes, sir.

21 Q. Which you believe to be reasonable;
22 is that correct?

23 A. Yes.

24 MR. MARGARD: Thank you. Your
25 Honor, I have nothing further and we move

1 admission of Joint Exhibit No. 1 and Commission
 2 Ordered Exhibits 1, 2 and 3.

3 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Any
 4 cross-examination of this witness, Mr.
 5 Settineri?

6 MR. SETTINERI: No, Your Honor.
 7 And we thank Staff for its testimony today.

8 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: The Bench has
 9 not questions for the witness. You may step
 10 down.

11 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

12 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: At this point
 13 are there any objections to the admission of
 14 Glenwood Exhibit 1?

15 MR. MARGARD: No.

16 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Commissioned
 17 Ordered Exhibits 1 through 3, or Joint Exhibit
 18 1?

19 MR. MARGARD: I have no objections
 20 to the Glenwood exhibit, Your Honor.

21 MR. SETTINERI: No, Your Honor.
 22 Thank you.

23 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: With that Joint
 24 Exhibit 1, Commission Ordered Exhibits 1 through
 25 3, and Glenwood Exhibit 1 are admitted into the

1 record.

2 (EXHIBITS HEREBY ADMITTED INTO
3 EVIDENCE)

4 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Is there
5 anything further, gentlemen?

6 MR. SETTINERI: No, Your Honor.
7 I would just note for the record that there are
8 no members of the public present today.

9 ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Good catch.
10 Are there any members of the public present that
11 wish to make a statement?

12 Let the record reflect that there
13 are none. And there were none at the original
14 hearing called in January.

15 With that this matter is adjourned.
16 Thank you all.

17 (At 10:10 A.M. the hearing was
18 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
February 25, 2020, and carefully compared with
my original stenographic notes.

Michael O. Spencer
Michael O. Spencer,
Registered Professional
Reporter.

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Summary: Transcript In the Matter of the Regulation of the Purchased Gas Adjustment Clauses Contained Within the Rate Schedules of Glenwood Energy of Oxford, Inc.; In the Matter of Regulation of Uncollectible Expense Rider of Glenwood Energy of Oxford, Inc. and In the Matter of the Percentage of Income Payment Plan Rider of Glenwood Energy of Oxford, Inc., hearing held on February 25th, 2020. electronically filed by Mr. Ken Spencer on behalf of Armstrong & Okey, Inc. and Spencer, Michael O. Mr.