

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the :
Regulation of the Purchased: Case No.
Gas Adjustment Clause : 19-218-GA-GCR
Contained Within the Rate :
Schedules of Duke Energy :
Ohio, Inc. and Related :
Matters. :

In the Matter of the :
Uncollectible Expense Rider: Case No.
of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. : 19-318-GA-UEX
and Related Matters. :

In the Matter of The :
Percentage of Income : Case No.
Payment Plan Rider of Duke : 19-418-GA-PIP
Energy Ohio, Inc. and :
Related Matters. :

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PROCEEDINGS

Before Lauren Augostini, Attorney Examiner, for the
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, via Webex,
called at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2021.

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1 - Stipulation and Recommendation
docketed June 8th, 2020

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COMPANY EXHIBITS

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ADMITTED

1 - Direct Testimony of Bryan
Manges docketed August 20th, 2020

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2 - Proof of Publication
docketed January 9th, 2020

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STAFF EXHIBITS

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Thursday Morning Session,
April 1, 2021.

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ATTORNEY EXAMINER AUGOSTINI: Let's go on the record. Good morning. The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has assigned for hearing at this time and place Case No. 19-218-GA-GCR, being In the Matter of the Regulation of the Purchased Gas Adjustment Clause Contained Within the Rate Schedules of Duke Energy Ohio, Incorporated, Case No. 19-318-GA-UEX, being In the Matter of the Uncollectible Expense Rider of Duke Energy Ohio, Incorporated, and Case No. 19-418-GA-PIP, being In the Matter of the Income Percentage Payment of Plan Rider of Duke Ohio, Incorporated.

My name is Lauren Augustini, and I am the Attorney-Examiner assigned by the Commission to hear today's case. Let's get started with appearances beginning with the Company.

MS. VAYSMAN: Thank you, Your Honor. I'm Larisa Vaysman on behalf of Duke Energy Ohio, 139 East Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER AUGOSTINI: Thank you.

MR. EUBANKS: Robert Eubanks for the Public Utilities Staff, 30 East Broad Street, 26th

1 Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

2 ATTORNEY EXAMINER AUGOSTINI: All right.
3 Thank you. So it doesn't look like we have any
4 members of the public wishing to offer testimony, and
5 it's my understanding that a Stipulation has been
6 filed in the record. So with that I will pass it off
7 to you.

8 MS. VAYSMAN: Thank you, your Honor. So
9 you're correct, we do have a Stipulation on file.
10 And I would like to mark at this time exhibits, is
11 that all right?

12 Thank you, your Honor. I would mark as
13 Joint Exhibit 1 the Stipulation and Recommendation
14 that was filed in the docket on June 8th, 2020, and
15 then I would like to mark as Duke Energy Ohio
16 Exhibit 1 the testimony of Bryan Manges that was
17 filed in the docket on August 20th, 2020, in support
18 of the Stipulation.

19 And then finally I would like to mark as
20 Duke Energy Ohio Exhibit 2, the Proof of Publication
21 which we filed in the docket on January 9th, 2020.
22 So that concludes my exhibits. Thank you.

23 ATTORNEY EXAMINER AUGOSTINI: All right.
24 Those will all be marked, and then you can proceed
25 with your witness.

1 (EXHIBITS MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

2 MS. VAYSMAN: Thank you, your Honor. I
3 think -- I'm not sure if Staff, Mr. Eubanks, would
4 like to mark the Reports as exhibits. I think in the
5 past they have been marked as Commission Ordered
6 Exhibits.

7 MR. EUBANKS: That is fine. One second.
8 I'm sorry, I didn't anticipate doing that this
9 morning. I just need to locate the three.

10 ATTORNEY EXAMINER AUGOSTINI: That's
11 okay. Let's go off the record and we'll give you
12 some time.

13 (Discussion off the record.)

14 ATTORNEY EXAMINER AUGOSTINI: Let's go
15 back on the record.

16 MR. EUBANKS: Yes, your Honor, I would
17 like to mark the Report for the GCR in 19-218 as
18 Staff's Exhibit 1, the Report for the UEX, 19-318 as
19 Staff's Exhibit 2, and then the Report for the PIP in
20 19-418 as Staff's Exhibit 3.

21 ATTORNEY EXAMINER AUGOSTINI: So marked.

22 (EXHIBITS MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

23 MR. EUBANKS: And as I have no witnesses
24 to identify it, I would ask for the parties here to
25 stipulate that those -- for the admission of those

1 three documents into the record.

2 MS. VAYSMAN: So stipulated, your Honor.

3 ATTORNEY EXAMINER AUGOSTINI: All right.
4 Hearing no objections, those exhibits will be
5 admitted into the record.

6 (EXHIBITS ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

7 ATTORNEY EXAMINER AUGOSTINI: That is
8 Staff Exhibit 1, 2, and 3.

9 MR. EUBANKS: Thank you, your Honor.
10 And that would be all for Staff.

11 ATTORNEY EXAMINER AUGOSTINI: All right.
12 Does the Company want to put on their witness?

13 MS. VAYSMAN: Yes, please, your Honor.
14 Thank you. Duke Energy Ohio would like to call Bryan
15 Manges to the stand.

16 ATTORNEY EXAMINER AUGOSTINI:
17 Mr. Manges, will you please raise your right hand?
18 Do you swear that the testimony you're about to give
19 is the truth?

20 MR. MANGES: I do.

21 ATTORNEY EXAMINER AUGOSTINI: Please
22 proceed.

23 MS. VAYSMAN: Thank you, your Honor.

24 Bryan Manges,
25 being first duly sworn, as prescribed by law, was

1 examined and testified as follows:

2 DIRECT EXAMINATION

3 By Ms. Vaysman:

4 Q. Good morning, Mr. Manges.

5 A. Good morning, everybody.

6 Q. Would you please state your name,
7 business address, and your position with the Company
8 for the record?

9 A. Yes. My name is Bryan Manges. I'm the
10 Director of Gas Utilities and Infrastructure
11 Accounting for Duke Energy. My business address is
12 4720 Piedmont Row Drive, Charlotte, North Carolina
13 28210.

14 Q. Thank you. And do you have in front of
15 you what we previously marked as Duke Energy Ohio
16 Exhibit 1, which is the Direct Testimony of Bryan
17 Manges?

18 A. Yes, I do.

19 Q. And is that your testimony?

20 A. It is.

21 Q. And do you have any, at this time,
22 changes or corrections to your testimony?

23 A. No, I do not.

24 Q. Thank you. And if you were asked the
25 same questions that are in your testimony today,

1 would your answers remain the same?

2 A. Yes, they would.

3 MS. VAYSMAN: Thank you, Mr. Manges.
4 Your Honor, the witness is available for
5 cross-examination.

6 ATTORNEY EXAMINER AUGOSTINI: All right.
7 Thank you. Does Staff have cross-examination for
8 Mr. Manges?

9 MR. EUBANKS: No, your Honor.

10 ATTORNEY EXAMINER AUGOSTINI: All right.
11 Hearing none, I don't have any questions for you, so
12 you may be excused.

13 THE WITNESS: Thank you very much.

14 ATTORNEY EXAMINER AUGOSTINI: Thank you.
15 (Witness excused.)

16 ATTORNEY EXAMINER AUGOSTINI: And then
17 do we have -- does Staff have any objections to Joint
18 Exhibit 1, Duke Energy Ohio Exhibit 1, or Duke Energy
19 Ohio Exhibit 2?

20 MR. EUBANKS: No, your Honor.

21 ATTORNEY EXAMINER AUGOSTINI: All right.
22 Those will be admitted into the record.

23 (EXHIBITS ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

24 ATTORNEY EXAMINER AUGOSTINI: And I take
25 it we don't have any other matters to address today?

MS. VAYSMAN: No, your Honor. I was only going to move to admit those, and it sounds like that is all set, so we don't have any more matters. Thank you.

ATTORNEY EXAMINER AUGOSTINI: All right. Well, hearing none, this hearing is adjourned and submitted on the record.

(Thereupon, the hearing was adjourned at 10:09 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 Thursday, April 1,
2021, and carefully compared with my original
stenographic notes.

Valerie J. Grubaugh,
Court Reporter and Notary
Public in and for the State
of Ohio.

My commission expires August 11, 2021.

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