

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the :
Application of Ohio Power :
Company to Initiate Its : Case No. 19-1475-EL-RDR
gridSMART Phase 3 Project.:
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PROCEEDINGS

before Ms. Sarah Parrot and Ms. Greta See, Attorney
Examiners, at the Public Utilities Commission of
Ohio, via Webex, called at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday,
November 18, 2021.

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AEP EXHIBIT

IDENTIFIED ADMITTED

1 Application Filed
July 26, 2019

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2 Direct Testimony of
Jaime Mayhan Filed on
November 3, 2021

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OCC EXHIBIT

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1 Direct Testimony Of James D.
Williams in Support of the
Stipulation Filed on
November 3, 2021

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JOINT EXHIBIT

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1 Joint Stipulation
and Recommendation

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1 Thursday Morning Session,
2 November 18, 2021.

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4 EXAMINER PARROT: Let's go ahead and go
5 on the record.

6 The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
7 has assigned for hearing at this time and place Case
8 No. 19-1475-EL-RDR which is captioned In the Matter
9 of the Application of Ohio Power Company to Initiate
10 Phase 3 of Its gridSMART Project.

11 Good morning, everyone. My name is Sarah
12 Parrot. Greta See and I are the Attorney Examiners
13 assigned by the Commission to hear this case.

14 At this time I would like to take the
15 appearances of the parties. We will start with the
16 Company.

17 MR. NOURSE: Thank you, your Honor. On
18 behalf of Ohio Power Company, Steven T. Nourse, 1
19 Riverside Plaza, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

20 EXAMINER PARROT: On behalf of the
21 Commission's Staff.

22 MR. MARGARD: Thank you, your Honor. On
23 behalf of the Staff of the Public Utilities
24 Commission of Ohio, Dave Yost, Ohio Attorney General,
25 John Jones, Section Chief, Public Utilities Section,

1 by Assistant Attorney General Werner L. Margard and
2 Thomas M. Sheppard, 30 East Broad Street, 26th Floor,
3 Columbus, Ohio.

4 EXAMINER PARROT: Ohio Energy Group.

5 MS. COHN: Good morning, your Honor. On
6 behalf of OEG, Jody Kyler Cohn and Michael Kurtz from
7 the law firm of Boehm, Kurtz & Lowry, 36 East Seventh
8 Street, Suite 1510, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

9 EXAMINER PARROT: Ohio Partners for
10 Affordable Energy.

11 MR. DOVE: Good morning, your Honor. On
12 behalf of Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy, Robert
13 Dove with the law firm of Kegler, Brown, Hill &
14 Ritter, 65 East State Street, Suite 1800, Columbus,
15 Ohio 43215.

16 EXAMINER PARROT: Interstate Gas Supply.

17 MR. BETTERTON: Good morning, your Honor.
18 On behalf of Interstate Gas Supply, Inc., myself,
19 Evan Betterton. We are located at 6100 Emerald
20 Parkway, Dublin, Ohio 43016.

21 EXAMINER PARROT: Ohio Cable
22 Telecommunications Association.

23 MS. PETRUCCI: Good morning. On behalf
24 of the Ohio Cable Telecommunications Association, the
25 law firm of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease, Gretchen

1 L. Petrucci. The address is 52 East Gay Street,
2 Columbus, Ohio 43215.

3 EXAMINER PARROT: Direct Energy Services
4 and Direct Energy Business.

5 MR. FYKES: Good morning, your Honor. On
6 behalf of Direct Energy, Lucas Fykes and Mark Whitt
7 of the law firm Whitt Sturtevant, LLP, 88 East Broad
8 Street, Suite 1590, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

9 EXAMINER PARROT: Mission:data Coalition.

10 MS. FLEISHER: Good morning, your Honor.
11 Madeline Fleisher, Dickinson Wright, 150 East Gay
12 Street, Suite 2400, Columbus, Ohio 43215 appearing on
13 behalf of both Mission:data Coalition and the Smart
14 Thermostat Coalition.

15 EXAMINER PARROT: Okay. Thank you.

16 Ohio Manufacturers' Association Energy
17 Group.

18 MS. BOJKO: Good morning, your Honors.
19 On behalf of the Ohio Manufacturers' Association
20 Energy Group, Kimberly W. Bojko with the law firm
21 Carpenter Lipps & Leland, 280 North High Street,
22 Suite 1300, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

23 EXAMINER PARROT: The Kroger Company.

24 MS. WHITFIELD: Good morning, your
25 Honors. On behalf of The Kroger Company, Angela Paul

Whitfield with the law firm Carpenter Lipps & Leland,
280 North High Street, Suite 1300, Columbus, 43215.

Thank you.

EXAMINER PARROT: Ohio Consumers'
Counsel.

MR. MICHAEL: Good morning. On behalf of
AEP's residential utility consumers Bill Michael,
Ohio Consumers' Counsel.

EXAMINER PARROT: Ohio Hospital
Association.

MR. PARRAM: On behalf of the Ohio
Hospital Association, Devin Parram, Rachael Mains,
from the law firm Bricker & Eckler. Our address is
100 South Third Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

EXAMINER PARROT: Environmental Law &
Policy Center.

Okay. AT&T.

Industrial Energy Users - Ohio.

MR. PRITCHARD: Good morning, your
Honors. Matt Pritchard on behalf IEU-Ohio with the
law firm McNees, Wallace & Nurick, 21 East State
Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

EXAMINER PARROT: Ohio Environmental
Council.

MS. LEPPLA: Good morning, your Honor.

1 On behalf of the Ohio Environmental Council, Miranda
2 Leppla and Chris Tavenor, 1145 Chesapeake Avenue,
3 Suite I, Columbus, Ohio 43212.

4 EXAMINER PARROT: Ohio Telecom
5 Association.

6 MR. DARR: On behalf of the Association,
7 Frank Darr, 6800 Linbrook Boulevard, Columbus, Ohio.

8 EXAMINER PARROT: Thank you.

9 I believe that is the end of my list of
10 parties. Did I miss anyone?

11 All right. At this time I would note for
12 the record that a Joint Stipulation and
13 Consideration -- I'm sorry, a Joint Stipulation and
14 Recommendation was filed in this case on October 27
15 for the Commission's consideration.

16 With that, Mr. Nourse, I will turn things
17 over to you.

18 MR. NOURSE: Thank you, your Honor. The
19 signatory parties have four exhibits and I'll --
20 since we are virtual, I will just reference them and
21 label them and then ask for them to be admitted. So
22 Joint Exhibit No. 1 is the Stipulation and
23 Recommendation docketed in this case on October 27,
24 2021.

25 And AEP -- by the way, of course, as you

1 know, the 4B -- Section 4B of the settlement
2 references these exhibits and ties in with what I am
3 doing here. The Application that was filed on
4 July 26, 2019, is AEP Ohio Exhibit 1.

5 And the direct testimony of Jaime Mayhan
6 filed on November 3, 2021, is AEP Ohio Exhibit 2.

7 And then on behalf of OCC I'm referencing
8 the testimony of James D. Williams also filed on
9 November 3, 2021, and I believe that's OCC Exhibit 1.

10 And, your Honor, that covers the exhibits
11 that we wanted to move into evidence in support of
12 the Stipulation, and on that basis I would ask that
13 all those exhibits be admitted.

14 EXAMINER PARROT: Okay. The exhibits are
15 so marked.

16 (EXHIBITS MARKED FOR IDENTIFICATION.)

17 EXAMINER PARROT: Are there any
18 objections to the admission of any of these four
19 exhibits?

20 MS. PETRUCCI: Your Honor, I just want to
21 note the Stipulation does include a provision in
22 which part of the Application is being withdrawn and
23 specifically that's paragraph 3J and I know we just
24 marked it as an exhibit, but I just wanted to flag
25 that those are interrelated provisions.

1 EXAMINER PARROT: Okay. Noted.

2 Any objections or any other comments?

3 all right. Hearing none, Joint Exhibit
4 No. 1, AEP Ohio Exhibits 1 and 2, and OCC Exhibit No.
5 1 are admitted into the record.

6 (EXHIBITS ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE.)

7 MR. NOURSE: Thank you, your Honor.

8 EXAMINER PARROT: Anything else we need
9 to discuss?

10 MR. NOURSE: No, your Honor.

11 EXAMINER PARROT: Okay. Well, with that
12 I thank you all for your time this morning, and the
13 matter is submitted to the Commission on the record.

14 (Thereupon, at 10:09 a.m., the hearing
15 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 Thursday, November 18,
2021, and carefully compared with my original
stenographic notes.

Karen Sue Gibson, Registered
Merit Reporter.

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Gibson, Karen Sue Mrs.