BEFORE THE OHIO POWER SITING BOARD

In the Matter of the Application of The

East Ohio Gas Company d/b/d Dominion : Case No. 21-1095-GA-RDR

energy Ohio to Adjust its Pipeline :

Infrastructure Replacement Program Cost :

Recovery Charge and Related Matters.

PREFILED TESTIMONY OF

Jonathan J. Borer

ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO RATES AND ANALYSIS DEPARTMENT

STAFF EX. 1

1 1. Please state your name and your business address. Q. 2 A. My name is Jonathan J. Borer. My business address is 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. 3 4 5 2. Q. By whom are you employed and what is your position? 6 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO or 7 Commission) as a Utility Specialist in the Accounting and Finance Division 8 of the Rates and Analysis Department 9 10 3. Q. Please summarize your educational background. 11 A. I earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and a Bachelor of Science in Management from Purdue University in 2014. In 2017, I attended the 12 13 Annual Regulatory Studies Program offered by the Institute of Public

15 Commissioners (NARUC) Utility Rate School. I am a Certified Public

16 Accountant licensed in the State of Ohio.

18 4. Q. Please summarize your work experience.

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19 A. I have been with the PUCO since November 2016 with my entire time
20 spent in the Rates and Analysis Department. My duties include conducting
21 investigations of assigned phases of rate case applications and other
22 financial audits of public utility companies subject to the jurisdiction of the

Utilities as well as the National Association of Regulatory Utility

1			PUCO. Prior to working at the PUCO, I was employed with Morgan
2			Stanley within the Global Wealth Management Group.
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4	5.	Q.	Have you testified in prior proceedings before the PUCO?
5		A.	Yes. I have testified in numerous proceedings before the PUCO.
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7	6.	Q.	What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?
8		A.	I am sponsoring Staff Comments that were filed in the docket of this case
9			on March 23, 2022. I was responsible for auditing Dominion East Ohio's
10			(DEO) application in this case. The Company's Application sought
11			recovery of costs associated with its Pipeline Infrastructure Program (PIR).
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13	7.	Q.	What is the purpose of the PIR?
14		A.	The PIR was originally authorized by the Commission in a 2008 rate case.
15			It initially called for replacement of 4,122 miles of bare steel, cast iron, and
16			other metallic pipeline in its distribution system over a 25-year period and
17			provided DEO would assume ownership of all customer-owned service
18			lines.
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20	8.	Q.	Did you investigate the Company's Application?
21		A.	Yes. The purpose of Staff's investigation was to determine if the
22			Company's Application and supporting documentation justify the requested

PIR revenue requirement. Staff audited nine months of actual capital expenditures, associated expenses, over/under -collections, and O&M savings data. Additionally, Staff reviewed the Company's proposed adjustment to exclude capitalized amounts attributable to the Long-Term Incentive Program, Leadership Incentive Plan, and the financial-performance component of the Annual Incentive Plan.

9. Q. Does Staff have any recommendations?

A. Yes. Staff completed its investigation of the Company's Application for the months of actual expenditures from January 2021 through September; however, due to the timing of the February filing, Staff recommends the actual 2021 fourth quarter data be audited in the next annual filing. Also, as ordered by the Commission in last year's case, the Company shall continue to monitor the disputed invoice in the amount of \$133,018 and incorporate an adjustment in the PIR revenue requirement upon resolution of the dispute in that year's application.

10. Q. Does Staff have any other recommendations?

Yes. Staff recommends the Commission approve the Company's
 Application as modified by the recommendations made in the Staff comments and this testimony.

- 1 11. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?
- A. Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental
- 3 testimony, as new information subsequently becomes available or in
- 4 response to positions taken by other parties.

PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing **Prefiled Testimony of Jonathan**

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