

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the :
Review of the :
Reconciliation Rider of : Case No. 20-0167-EL-RDR
Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. :
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PROCEEDINGS

before Mr. Nicholas Walstra and Mr. Matthew Sandor,
Attorney Examiners, at the Public Utilities
Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Room 11-A,
Columbus, Ohio, called at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday,
May 25, 2022.

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Wednesday Morning Session,
May 25, 2022.

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EXAMINER SANDOR: The Commission has set
for hearing at this time and place Case No.
20-167-EL-RDR which is captioned in the Matter of the
Reconciliation Rider of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. My
name is Matt Sandor, and with me is Nick Walstra. We
are the Attorney Examiners assigned by the Commission
to hear this case.

Now let's take appearances of the parties
on behalf of Duke.

MR. D'ASCENZO: Thank you, your Honors.
On behalf of Duke Energy Ohio, my name is Rocco
D'Ascenzo, Deputy General Counsel, 139 East Fourth
Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. Appearing with me in this
proceeding will be Jeanne Kingery and Elyse Akhbari.

EXAMINER SANDOR: On behalf of Ohio
Consumers' Counsel.

MS. O'BRIEN: On behalf of the Office of
the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, Bruce Weston, Ohio
Consumers' Counsel, Angela D. O'Brien, John Finnigan,
Assistant Consumers' Counsel. Also appearing on this
case with Ohio Consumers' Counsel will be Brian Zets
of the law firm of Isaac Wiles.

EXAMINER SANDOR: On behalf of the Ohio Manufacturers' Association Energy Group.

MS. BOJKO: Thank you, your Honor. On behalf of the Ohio manufacturers' Association Energy Group, Kimberly W. Bojko with the law firm Carpenter Lipps and Leland, 280 North High Street, Suite 1300, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

EXAMINER SANDOR: On behalf of The Kroger Company.

MR. WYGONSKI: Thank you, your Honors. On behalf of The Kroger Company, Angela Paul Whitfield and John Wygonski of the law firm Carpenter Lipps and Leland, 280 North High Street, Suite 1300, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

EXAMINER SANDOR: On behalf of the Ohio Energy Group.

MS. COHN: Good morning, your Honors. On behalf of the Ohio Energy Group, Jody Kyler Cohn, Michael Kurtz, and Kurt Boehm from the law firm of Boehm, Kurtz & Lowry, 36 East Seventh Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202.

EXAMINER SANDOR: And on behalf of Staff.

MS. KERN: Thank you, your Honor. On behalf of the Ohio Attorney General's Office representing the Staff of the Public Utilities

Commission of Ohio, Kyle Kern, Thomas Lindgren, and Sarah Feldkamp, 30 East Broad Street, 26th Floor, Columbus, Ohio.

EXAMINER SANDOR: Thank you.

EXAMINER WALSTRA: And I believe we have a continuance request.

MR. D'ASCENZO: Yes, your Honor. On behalf of Duke Energy Ohio, the Company would respectfully request and move for a continuance of this proceeding due to a COVID-19 exposure situation that has occurred within the last 48 hours.

EXAMINER WALSTRA: Thank you.

Any objections?

Hearing none, we will continue this hearing until tomorrow. At that point we will go to a virtual hearing. We will be in touch in terms of Webex links for everyone to access the hearing. I assume we will have a public link as well for the public to access this.

We will keep our same witness schedule. For anyone who has exhibits they expect to share for the first two witness, if those could be shared with the parties and the Attorney Examiners by midnight tonight, that will be the directive.

Anything further?

1 All right. We are adjourned for the day.

2 (Thereupon, at 10:09 a.m., the hearing
3 was adjourned.)

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5 CERTIFICATE

6 I do hereby certify that the foregoing is
7 a true and correct transcript of the proceedings
8 taken by me in this matter on Wednesday, May 25,
9 2022, and carefully compared with my original
10 stenographic notes.

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13 Karen Sue Gibson, Registered
14 Merit Reporter.

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