

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of the East	:	
Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy	:	Case No. 22-619-GA-RDR
Ohio for Authority to Adjust Its Capital	:	
Expenditure Program Rider Charges.	:	

PREFILED TESTIMONY  
OF  
**NICCI CROCKER**  
SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO  
RATES AND ANALYSIS DEPARTMENT  
REGULATORY SERVICES DIVISION

**STAFF EX. \_\_\_\_**

August 31, 2022

1 1. Q. Please state your name and business address.

2 A. My name is Nicci Crocker. My business address is 180 East Broad Street,  
3 Columbus, Ohio 43215.

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5 2. Q. By whom are you employed?

6 A. I am employed by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO).

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8 3. Q. What is your current position with the PUCO?

9 A. My current position is Utility Specialist in the Regulatory Services Division of the  
10 Rates and Analysis Department.

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12 4. Q. Would you briefly state your professional and educational background?

13 A. I earned a Bachelor of Arts from Wittenberg University, a Master of Business  
14 Administration from The Ohio State University, and a Certificate of Accounting  
15 from Columbus State Community College. I have worked for the Public Utilities  
16 Commission of Ohio for over nineteen years, serving in my current position since  
17 2010.

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19 5. Q. What are your responsibilities in this proceeding?

20 A. I am responsible for overall coordination of the audit in this case.

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1 6. Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

2 A. The purpose of my testimony is to respond to issues raised by East Ohio Gas  
3 Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio (Dominion) pertaining to removal of  
4 costs associated with a fitness center.

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6 7. Q. Do you agree with Staff's removal of the fitness center from the CEP rider?<sup>1</sup>

7 A. Yes. Staff has routinely and consistently removed employee fitness and  
8 recreational equipment from rate base since these facilities are not used and useful  
9 in the provision of utility service. The Commission has agreed with this type of  
10 adjustment in the past dating back to the 1970's.<sup>2</sup>

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12 8. Q. How does this adjustment affect the current CEP rider rate?

13 A. Staff recommends removing the estimated costs of \$100,145 from the CEP rider.<sup>3</sup>  
14 This amount does not impact the current CEP rider rate.<sup>4</sup>

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16 9. Q. Does this adjustment have an impact on rate base?

17 A. All CEP assets will become part of base rates and therefore, all adjustments  
18 adopted in each of the CEP annual rider reviews should be reflected in the  
19 Company's general ledger and included in plant balances as of date certain in the

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<sup>1</sup> Staff Review and Recommendation at 4 (July 28, 2022).

<sup>2</sup> See *In the Matter of the Dayton Power and Light Company*, Case No. 76-823-EL-AIR, Opinion and Order at 4 (July 22, 1977).

<sup>3</sup> Staff Review and Recommendation at 4 (July 28, 2022).

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

1 next base rate case filing.<sup>5</sup> Plant adjustments that have been fully audited and  
2 adopted by the Commission in annual rider proceeding should not be subject to  
3 re-negotiation in a base rate case proceeding.

4 10. Q. Does this conclude your testimony?

5 A. Yes. However, I reserve the right to submit supplemental testimony as new  
6 information subsequently becomes available or in response to positions taken by  
7 other parties.

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<sup>5</sup> See *In the Matter of the East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio*, Case No. 19-468-GA-ALT, Opinion and Order, at 14 (December 30, 2020).

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I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing **Prefiled Testimony of Nicci Crocker**, submitted on behalf of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, was served via electronic mail upon the following parties of record, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 2022.

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