BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO 1 2 3 In the Matter of the Long-Term : 4 5 Forecast Report of FirstEnergy : Case No. Corporation and related Matters: 02-504-EL-FOR 6 7 8 9 10 PROCEEDINGS Before Scott Farkas, Attorney Examiner, held at 11 the offices of the Public Utilities Commission 12 13 of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 14 on Tuesday, August 27, 2002, at 10:00 A.M. 15 16 17 18 This is to certify that the images appearing are an accurate and complete reproduction of a case file document delivered in the regular course of business 19 __ Date Processed rechnician. 20 21 Armstrong & Okey, Inc. 185 S. Fifth Street, Suite 101 Columbus, Ohio 43215 22 (614) 224-9481 - (800) 223-948123 Fax - (614) 224-5724

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Tuesday Morning Session,
August 27, 2002.

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EXAMINER FARKAS: The Commission has called for hearing at this time and place the matter of the 2002 long-term forecast report of FirstEnergy Corporation and related matters, Case No. 02-504-EL-FOR.

My name is Scott Farkas, the
Attorney Examiner assigned to hear the case. I
will take appearances at this time.

MR. MCNAMEE: On behalf of the Public Utilities Commission, Betty D. Montgomery, Attorney General State of Ohio, I am Thomas McNamee, Assistant Attorney General. The address is 180 Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Burke for FirstEnergy will not be here this morning because I asked him not to come. The matters at issue in the case have essentially been resolved at this point in time and I wanted to save him the drive down here from Akron. That is why he is not here this morning.

EXAMINER FARKAS: Okay. Then we ARMSTRONG & OKEY, INC., Columbus, Ohio (614)224-9481

will be calling and continuing the hearing
until --

MR. MCNAMEE: The 5th of September.

EXAMINER FARKAS: At 10:00 o'clock.

MR. MCNAMEE: Yes. Hour Honor, it's my hope that we will very shortly, perhaps even later today, have a stipulation resolving all the issues in the case. I would have had that done this morning, but there was a glitch that came up late Friday and I was not able to get that resolved until just immediately here.

But I anticipate that the problem will be taken care of and we should be able to resolve this case in advance of the actual continuance date.

EXAMINER FARKAS: Okay. Then go off the record for a second.

(Discussion off the record.)

EXAMINER FARKAS: We will call and continue the hearing until September 5th at 10:00 o'clock. And we stand adjourned.

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(At 10:05 A.M. the hearing was concluded)

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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 August 27, 2002 and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Michael O. Spencer, Registered Professional Reporter.

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