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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the : PUCO
Application of Cordell :
Regional Utilities, Inc. :
for an Increase in : Case No. 01-1440-WS-AIR
Rates and Charges. :

Transcript of proceedings before

Scott E. Farkas, Attorney Examiner, Public
Utilities Commission of Ohio, commencing at
10:00 a.m., on Thursday, February 21, 2002,
Hearing Room 11-F, 180 East Broad Street,
Columbus, Ohio.

APPEARANCES:

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Thursday Morning Session,

February 21, 2002.

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THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Commission has called for hearing at this time and place the matter of the application of Cordell Regional Utilities, Inc., for an increase in rates and charges, case number 01-1440-WS-AIR. My name is Scott Farkas. I'm the attorney examiner assigned to hear this case.

I'll take appearances at this time.

MR. MARGARD: Thank you, your Honor. On behalf of the staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, by Betty D. Montgomery, Attorney General of Ohio, I am Werner L. Margard, also entering the appearance of William L. Wright, Assistant Attorneys General, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you.

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1 At this time I believe Cordell Regional
2 Utilities had docketed a statement.

3 MR. MARGARD: Yes, your Honor. By
4 letter dated February 19th, 2002, and docketed
5 with the Commission on February 20, 2002, the
6 applicant, Cordell Regional Utilities, has
7 acknowledged that it accepts the findings and
8 recommendations of the commission staff as
9 published in its Staff Report of Investigation.
10 Your Honor, I have marked a copy of the Staff
11 Report of Investigation for purposes of
12 identification as Staff Exhibit No. 1 and would
13 move for admission of the Staff Report into
14 evidence in the record of this case at this
15 time.

16 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: That will be
17 admitted.

18 (EXHIBIT HEREBY ADMITTED INTO
19 EVIDENCE.)

20 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: And then in
21 terms of publication, I believe there were two
22 publications that are required in this case, one
23 of the application, one of notice of the
24 hearing.

1 MR. MARGARD: Your Honor, as of my
2 last conversation with the president for the
3 applicant, I was assured that publication in
4 this case had been completed, although the
5 proofs were not yet available. The company has
6 indicated that it will file those proofs once
7 they are available. I will take steps to follow
8 up with company to ensure those are late filed
9 exhibits.

10 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Thank you.
11 Anything else?

12 MR. MARGARD: Nothing further, your
13 Honor.

14 THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER: Okay. Then
15 we'll stand in recess.

16 (Hearing recessed at 10:11 a.m.)

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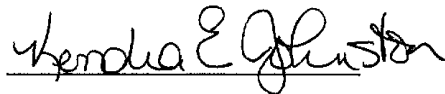
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I do hereby certify that the foregoing
is a true and correct transcript of the
proceedings taken by me in this matter before
the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio on
Thursday, February 21, 2002, and carefully
compared with my original stenographic notes.



Kendra E. Johnston,
Registered Professional
Reporter.

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