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Ms. Renee J. Jenkins Director, Administration Department Secretary to the Commission **Docketing Division** The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

Re: Answer of Ohio Edison Company Jack Vasi v. Ohio Edison Company Case No. 07-0032-EL-CSS

extras and returning them to the undersigned in the enclosed envelope.

Enclosed for filing, please find the original and twelve (12) copies of the Answer regarding the above-referenced case. Please file the enclosed Answer, time-stamping the two

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Parties of Record

Enclosures

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## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

JACK VASI	)
618 OBERLIN ROAD	)
ELYRIA, OHIO 44035	)
	)
COMPLAINANT,	)
	)
VS.	) CASE NO. 07-0032-EL-CSS
	)
OHIO EDISON COMPANY	)
	)
RESPONDENT.	)

## ANSWER OF OHIO EDISON COMPANY

Comes now Respondent, Ohio Edison Company, by counsel, and for its Answer to the Complaint filed in the instant action says that:

- 1. Ohio Edison Company ("Ohio Edison") is a public utility, as defined by \$4905.03(A)(4), O.R.C. and is duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Ohio.
- 2. On or about January 12, 2007, Complainant filed a Complaint with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (the "Commission") requesting the Commissioner to order Ohio Edison to activate electric utility service at 618 Oberlin Road, Elyria, Ohio 44035 (the "Commercial Premises"). In addition, Complainant filed a Criminal Report entitled "Legal Notice of Criminal Report Pursuant to ORC 2921.22 By Victims and Witnesses of Criminal Activity" (the "Criminal Report") to be attached to his Complaint and incorporated therein.
- 3. Ohio Edison will attempt to specifically answer Complainant's request to have electric utility service turned on at the Commercial Premises. However, Ohio Edison asserts that the Commission lacks jurisdiction to consider the Criminal Report that Complainant attached and

incorporated to his Complaint, and therefore the Criminal Report should be dismissed. Moreover, Ohio Edison denies all allegations set forth in the Criminal Report.

- 4. Ohio Edison avers that it informed Complainant that in order to establish service at the Commercial Premises, Complainant would have to i) provide an affidavit verifying identity, ii) provide a lease agreement to establish that he rents/leases the Commercial Premises and is entitled to an account separate and apart from the existing account at the Commercial Premises which was disconnected on November 19, 2006 for non-payment, and iii) pay a security deposit as adequate assurance of future payment.
- Ohio Edison avers that on December 15, 2006, Ohio Edison received
   Complainant's affidavit but did not receive the security deposit or the lease agreement.
- 6. Ohio Edison avers that on January 18, 2007, Ohio Edison instituted an investigation of Complainant's account and several other related accounts in connection with the Commission Complaint. Ohio Edison discovered that the third party who called in the Complainant's security deposit provided the wrong account number and thus the security deposit was applied to an account other than the Complainant's.
- 7. Ohio Edison avers that it transferred the security deposit over to Complainant's account and in accordance with the Commission's order entered on January 25, 2007, electric utility service was connected at the Commercial Premises in Complainant's name.
- 8. Ohio Edison generally denies all allegations set forth in the Complaint that were not otherwise specifically addressed hereinabove.

For its affirmative defenses, Ohio Edison further avers that:

Ohio Edison breached no legal duty owed to Complainant, and Complainant 9.

failed to state reasonable grounds upon which its requested relief may be granted.

10. The Commission lacks jurisdiction to consider the Criminal Report that

Complainant attached and incorporated to his Complaint.

11. Ohio Edison has at all times, including when it imposed conditions upon

Complainant's establishment of a new account, acted in accordance with its Tariff, PUCO No. 11, on

file with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, as well as all rules and regulations as promulgated

by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, the laws existing in the State of Ohio, and accepted

standards and practices in the electric utility industry.

WHEREFORE, having fully answered the Complaint, Respondent, Ohio Edison

Company, respectfully requests that the instant action be dismissed, and that it be granted any other

relief that this Commission may deem just and reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

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On behalf of Ohio Edison Company

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Answer of Ohio Edison Company was served by regular U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, Jack Vasi, 618 Oberlin Road, Elyria, Ohio 44035, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2007.

Ebony L. Miller

Attorney