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In the Matter of the Application of Duke)
Energy Ohio, Inc. for an Increase in Gas)
Rates.)

Case No. 07-589-GA-AIR

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Energy Ohio, Inc. for Approval of an)
Alternative Rate Plan for its Gas)
Distribution Service.)

Case No. 07-590-GA-ALT

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Energy Ohio, Inc. for Approval to)
Change Accounting Methods.)

Case No. 07-591-GA-AAM

**MOTION OF
OHIO PARTNERS FOR AFFORDABLE ENERGY
TO INTERVENE, MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT
AND MOTION TO PRACTICE PRO HAC VICE BEFORE THE
COMMISSION**

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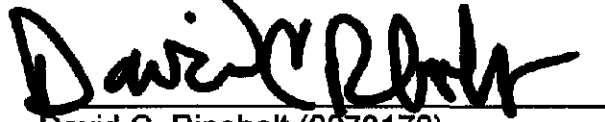
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MOTION TO INTERVENE

Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy ("OPAE") hereby respectfully moves the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission") for leave to intervene in the above-captioned matter pursuant to R.C. §4903.221 and Section 4901-1-1-11 of the Commission's Code of Rules and Regulations, with full powers and rights granted by the Commission specifically, by statute or by the provisions of the Commission's Code of Rules and Regulations to intervening parties. The reasons for granting this motion are contained in the memorandum attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF MOTION TO INTERVENE

Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy ("OPAE") should be permitted to intervene in this matter pursuant to Section 4903.22.1, Revised Code, and the Commission's Rules and Regulation contained in Rule 4901-01-11 of the Ohio Administrative Code.

In determining whether to permit intervention, the following criteria are to be considered: the nature of the person's interest; the extent to which that interest is represented by existing parties; the person's potential contribution to just and expeditious resolution of the proceeding; and, whether granting the intervention will unduly delay or unjustly prejudice any existing party. OPAE meets all four criteria for intervention in this proceeding.

OPAE is an Ohio corporation with a stated purpose of advocating for affordable energy policies for low and moderate income Ohioans; as such, OPAE has a real and substantial interest in this proceeding. Additionally, OPAE includes as members non-profit organizations located in the service territory that

will be affected by the proposed rate increase and alternative regulation plan. Those members are as follows: Cincinnati/Hamilton Community Action Agency; Clermont Community Action Agency; Adams-Brown Counties Economic Opportunities, Inc., and, Community Action Partnership of the Greater Dayton Area. OPAE members provides essential services in the form of bill payment assistance programs and weatherization and energy efficiency services to low income customers of Duke. OPAE members are also ratepayers of Duke.

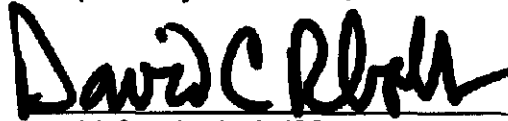
OPAE is concerned that any rate increases be just and reasonable, that the statutory provisions for an alternative rate plan are met, and to ensure that the ultimate resolution of this matter is in the public interest.

For the above reasons, OPAE has a direct, real and substantial interest in this proceeding. The disposition of this proceeding may impair or impede the ability of OPAE to protect its interests. No other party to the proceeding will adequately represent the interests of OPAE. OPAE is a unique organization that serves as an advocate, service provider and nonprofit customer group. No other party represents this group of interests.

OPAE's participation in these proceedings will not cause undue delay, will not unjustly prejudice any existing party, and will contribute to the just and expeditious resolution of the issues and concerns raised in this proceeding.

Therefore, OPAE is entitled to intervene in this proceeding with the full powers and rights granted by statute and by the provisions of the Commission's Codes of Rules and Regulations to intervening parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Motion to Intervene and Memorandum of Support and the attached Motion to Admit *Pro Hac Vice* was served by regular U.S. Mail upon the parties of record identified below in this case on this 24th day of July, 2007.



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**MOTION TO ADMIT DAVID C. RINEBOLT TO PRACTICE
PRO HAC VICE BEFORE THE COMMISSION**

Pursuant to Rule 4901-1-08(B) of the Ohio Administrative Code, Colleen L. Mooney (0015668), an attorney licensed to practice in the State of Ohio, respectfully petitions the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission") to permit David C. Rinebolt to practice *pro hac vice* before the Commission in the above-referenced proceeding. Mr. Rinebolt represents Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy, which is an Ohio corporation engaged in advocating for affordable energy policies.

Mr. Rinebolt graduated from the Columbus School of Law of the Catholic University of America in May 1981. As an active member of the District of Columbia Bar, Bar No. 367210, Mr. Rinebolt is licensed to practice before the federal courts of the District of Columbia. Furthermore, Mr. Rinebolt has practiced law continuously since being admitted to the District of Columbia Bar in October 1982. He is also registered with the Supreme Court of the State of Ohio in corporate status (Ohio Bar No. 0073178).

WHEREFORE, Colleen L. Mooney respectfully requests that David C. Rinebolt be permitted to practice before the Commission in the aforementioned proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

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