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In re: Case No. 07-589-GA-AIR, 07-590-GA-ALT and 07-591-GA-AAM

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please find enclosed an original and ten (10) copies of the REPLY BRIEF OF THE OHIO ENERGY GROUP filed in the above-referenced matter.

Copies have been served on all parties on the attached certificate of service. Please place this document of file.

Respectfully yours,

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# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OHIO

In The Matter Of The Application Of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. For An Increase In Gas Rates

Case Nos. 07-589-GA-AIR

07-590-GA-ALT 07-591-GA-AAM

In The Matter Of The Application Of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. For Approval Of An Alternative Rate Plan For Its Gas Distribution Service

In The Matter Of The Application Of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. Approval To Change Account Methods

## REPLY BRIEF OF OHIO ENERGY GROUP

The Ohio Energy Group ("OEG") was a signator to the Stipulation filed in this case and has not filed a Merit Brief because its issue has been dealt with and agreed to by all parties. However, it has been brought to our attention that both the Commission Staff and Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. ("Duke Energy") have represented that OEG has supported its position on the Straight-Fixed Variable rate design that was the prime subject of the hearing in this case. On page 5 of its Post-Hearing Brief the Commission Staff states "All but two stipulating parties agreed to adopt the Staff-proposed SFV rate design...". The Staff states that the City of Cincinnati took no position on the SFV rate design.

Similarly, on page 4 of its Brief, Duke Energy states the SFV rate design was "supported by nine of the twelve settling Parties." Duke Energy notes that the City of Cincinnati was neutral on the rate design.

OEG must remind the Staff and Duke Energy that it also took no position on the SFV rate design, therefore must not be considered a proponent.

Respectfully submitted,

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