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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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Duke Energy Ohio for Approval of an
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Case No. 08-920-EL-SSO

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a Certificate of Public Convenience
and Necessity to Establish an
Unavoidable Capacity Charge(s).

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MOTION TO INTERVENE
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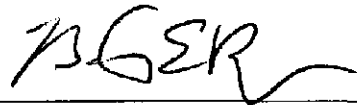
By the above-styled applications, Duke Energy Ohio seek approval of an electric security plan pursuant to Amended Substitute Senate Bill No. 221 ("SB 221"), the recently enacted legislation amending the Ohio statutory electric restructuring plan created by Amended Substitute Senate Bill No. 3 in 1999, and certain related measures. As more fully discussed in the accompanying memorandum, The Ohio Environmental Council ("OEC") has a real and substantial interest in this proceeding, and is so situated that the disposition of this proceeding may, as a practical matter, impair or impede its ability to protect that interest. Further, OEC's interest in this proceeding is not represented by any existing party, and its participation in this proceeding will contribute to a just and expeditious resolution of the issues involved without

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unduly delaying the proceeding or unjustly prejudicing any existing party. Accordingly, OEC hereby moves to intervene in this proceeding pursuant to Section 4903.221, Revised Code, and Rule 4901-1-11, Ohio Administrative Code.

WHEREFORE, OEC respectfully requests that the Commission grant its motion to intervene.

Respectfully submitted,



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**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT
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Section 4903.221, Revised Code, provides that any "person who may be adversely affected by a public utilities commission proceeding may intervene in such proceeding." The Ohio Environmental Council ("OEC") is a non-profit, charitable organization comprised of a network of over 100 affiliated group members, whose mission is to secure a healthier environment for all Ohioans. Over its 40-year history, OEC, relying on scientific principles, has been a leading advocate for fresh air, clean water, and sustainable land use before the legislature and administrative agencies, as well as in the courts. In keeping with its mission, OEC was an active participant in the effort that led to the inclusion of energy efficiency mandates and

renewable and alternative energy standards in SB 221, and has a real and substantial interest in assuring that these benchmarks are appropriately recognized in the electric security plans ultimately approved in this case. Thus, there can be no question that OEC may be adversely affected by this proceeding.

Further, not only does OEC satisfy the underlying statutory test, but it also satisfies the standards governing intervention set forth in the Commission's rules.

Rule 4901-1-11(A), Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC"), provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

(A) Upon timely motion, any person shall be permitted to intervene in a proceeding upon a showing that:

(2) The person has a real and substantial interest in the proceeding, and the person is so situated that the disposition of the proceeding may, as a practical matter, impair or impede his ability to protect that interest, unless the person's interest is adequately represented by existing parties.

OEC plainly has a real and substantial interest in a proceeding that will impact Ohio's environment. Moreover, at this juncture, none of the pending motions to intervene in these cases have been granted. Thus, by definition, no existing parties adequately represent OEC's interest.

Although OEC does not believe this to be a close question, each of the specific considerations that the Commission may, by rule, take into account in applying the Rule 4901-1-11(A)(2), OAC, standard, also fully support granting OEC's motion to intervene. Rule 4901-1-11(B), OAC, provides as follows:

In deciding whether to permit intervention under paragraph (A)(2) of this rule, the commission, the legal director, the deputy legal director, or an attorney examiner case shall consider:

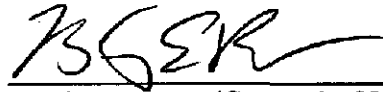
(1) The nature and extent of the prospective intervenor's interest;

- (2) The legal position advanced by the prospective intervenor and its probable relation to the merits of the case.
- (3) Whether the intervention by the prospective intervenor will unduly prolong or delay the proceedings.
- (4) Whether the prospective intervenor will significantly contribute to full development and equitable resolution of the factual issues.
- (5) The extent to which the person's interest is represented by existing parties;

First, as explained above, OEC's interest in the proposals contained in these applications relating to the energy efficiency mandates and renewable and alternative energy standards set forth in SB 221 is obviously direct and substantial. Second, although OEC must necessarily await further developments before determining the specific positions it will adopt with respect to these issues, OEC will certainly advocate that the measures ultimately adopted for meeting these benchmarks be effective and consistent with the legislative intent underlying SB 221. Third, in view of the fact that the proceeding has just commenced, granting OEC's motion to intervene will not unduly delay or prolong the proceeding. Fourth, OEC will bring substantial technical expertise to bear on these issues. Finally, not only are there no existing parties that represent OEC's interest, but it would be inconsistent with the Commission's stated policy "to encourage the broadest possible participation in its proceedings" (*see, e.g., Cleveland Elec. Illum. Co.*, Case No. 85-675-EL-AIR, Entry dated January 14, 1986, at 2) to apply the Rule 4901-1-11(B)(5) standard in a manner that would favor one environmental advocate over others. Thus, granting OEC intervenor status is consistent with all the considerations set out in Rule 4901-1-11(B), OAC.

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