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Industrial Energy Users-Ohio ("IEU-Ohio") hereby respectfully moves the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission"), pursuant to Section 4903.221, Revised Code, and Rule 4901-1-11, Ohio Administrative Code, for leave to intervene in the above-captioned matters with the full powers and rights granted by the Commission, specifically by statute or by the provisions of the Ohio Administrative Code, to intervening parties.

On May 1, 2008, Governor Ted Strickland signed into law Amended Substitute Senate Bill ("SB 221"). SB 221 modified, among other things, Chapter 4928 of the Revised Code. Section 4928.141, Revised Code, requires each electric distribution utility ("EDU") to establish a standard service offer ("SSO") in accordance with Sections 4928.142 or 4928.143, Revised Code.<sup>1</sup>

On Thursday, July 31, 2008, Ohio Edison Company ("OE"), The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company ("CEI"), and The Toledo Edison Company ("TE") (collectively, "FirstEnergy" or "FE") filed an Application for approval of an SSO under Section 4928.143, Revised Code.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Section 4928.142, Revised Code, governs market rate option ("MRO") plans while Section 4928.143, Revised Code, controls electric security plans ("ESP").

As demonstrated further in the Memorandum in Support attached hereto and incorporated herein, IEU-Ohio has a direct, real, and substantial interest in the issues and matters involved in the above-captioned proceedings, and is so situated that the disposition of these proceedings may, as a practical matter, impair or impede its ability to protect that interest. IEU-Ohio believes that its participation will not unduly prolong or delay these proceedings and that it will significantly contribute to the full development and equitable resolution of the factual and other issues in these proceedings. The interests of IEU-Ohio will not be adequately represented by other parties to the proceedings and, as such, IEU-Ohio is entitled to intervene with the full powers and rights granted by the Commission, specifically by statute and by the provisions of the Ohio Administrative Code, to intervening parties.

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#### **MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT**

In support of this Motion to Intervene, IEU-Ohio states that it is an association of ultimate customers. A current listing of IEU-Ohio member companies is available on IEU-Ohio's website at <a href="http://www.ieu-ohio.org/member-list.aspx">http://www.ieu-ohio.org/member-list.aspx</a>. IEU-Ohio's members purchase substantial amounts of electric and related services from FE, which is a public utility subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission.

IEU-Ohio's members work together to address matters that affect the availability and price of utility services. Additionally, IEU-Ohio seeks to promote customer-driven policies that will assure an adequate, reliable, and efficient supply of energy for all consumers at competitive prices. To this end, IEU-Ohio has worked, including actively participating in the legislative process related to SB 221, and will continue to work to produce legislative, regulatory, and market outcomes that are consistent with the state policy contained in Section 4928.02, Revised Code.

Many of IEU-Ohio's member companies are served by FE and may be affected by FE's proposed ESP. IEU-Ohio has a real and substantial interest inasmuch as these proceedings may directly or indirectly impact the provision of electric service to IEU-Ohio members' manufacturing facilities. Specifically, IEU-Ohio's direct interest in these proceedings is the result of the effect that these proceedings shall have upon the

price, adequacy, and reliability of the electric supply and related services within Ohio, including the areas presently served by FE.

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