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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Ohio) Case No. 08-935-EL-SSO
Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric)
Illuminating Company and The Toledo)
Edison Company for Authority to)
Establish a Standard Service Offer)
Pursuant to R.C. 4928.143 in the Form of)
an Electric Security Plan.)

In the Matter of the Application of Ohio) Case No. 08-936-EL-SSO
Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric)
Illuminating Company and The Toledo)
Edison Company for Approval of a)
Market Rate Offer to Conduct a)
Competitive Bidding Process for Standard)
Service Offer Electric Generation Supply,)
Accounting Modifications Associated)
with Reconciliation Mechanism, and)
Tariffs for Generation Service.)

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**THE FIRSTENERGY COMPANIES' MEMORANDUM CONTRA
THE CITIZENS' COALITION'S MOTION TO CHANGE THE
RIDICULOUS AND ABSURD PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE**

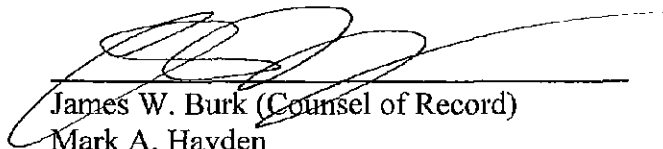
Pursuant to the Commission's Entry of August 7, 2008, the FirstEnergy Companies file their Memorandum Contra the Motion to Change the Ridiculous and Absurd Public Hearing Schedule filed September 12, 2008, by the Citizens' Coalition.

Although the Motion articulates no legal ground for action, the Companies will accept whatever the Commission determines, within its broad discretion, regarding the number and time of hearings and the content and manner of public notices with this caveat: Should the Commission determine that more public hearings (or other meetings) are necessary, they should not be scheduled in a way that would delay the resolution of this case. The various requests made in the Motion show little regard for the statutory deadlines governing this case and the burdens imposed, in particular the burden on the Commission, in complying with them.

Whatever the Commission does, it should not delay the schedule for evidentiary hearing currently set for October 16.

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Respectfully submitted,



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