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# MOTION FOR WAIVER REGARDING THE TIME TO FILE OBJECTIONS, MOTION TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT TESTIMONY, AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED RULING BY THE OFFICE OF THE OHIO CONSUMERS' COUNSEL

Pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-12 and 4901-1-13(A), the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel ("OCC"), on behalf of the residential utility consumers of Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and The Toledo Edison Company (collectively "FirstEnergy" or "Companies"), moves the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO" or "Commission") for waiver of the deadline for submitting objections and moves for an extension of time for the filing of intervenor

testimony. The extensions sought for both deadlines is one day, which would apply to all intervenors and would not otherwise disturb the procedural schedule in these cases.

Specifically, the due date for intervenor objections and testimony would be extended from February 16, 1010 to February 17, 2010.

The OCC seeks an expedited ruling under the special provision in Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-12(C) for extension requests of five days or less. While not required to contact all parties under the applicable provision of Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-12(C) for extension up to five days, the OCC contacted all the parties to these cases and determined that the OCC's motions ("Motions") are unopposed.

The reasons supporting these requests, along with an explanation of the need to determine the filing date on an expedited basis, are set forth in the attached Memorandum in Support.

Respectfully submitted,

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## MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR WAIVER REGARDING THE TIME TO FILE OBJECTIONS AND MOTION TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE TO FILE TESTIMONY AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED RULING

#### I. INTRODUCTION

The extensive history of these cases is described in an Entry in these dockets dated January 14, 2010. That Entry set February 16, 2010 as the deadline for the submission of objections to the Companies' proposed energy efficiency programs and testimony by intervening parties. The date for the evidentiary hearing was also set for March 2, 2010.

This pleading follows up on communications between most of the parties in which it was agreed that a one-day extension to the February 16, 2010 deadlines was desirable.

While not required to contact all parties under the applicable provision of Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-12(C) for extension up to five days, the OCC contacted the remaining parties to determine if any party objects to the request for an expedited ruling. There are no objections to the expedited treatment of the instant Motions, and no objections to the extensions themselves.

#### II. APPLICABLE PROCEDURAL RULES

The date for the filing of objections was set according to Ohio Adm. Code 4901:1-39-04(D). The Commission's rule provides for "objections within sixty-days after the filing," but also sets this deadline "[u]nless otherwise ordered."

Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-13(A) specifically permits parties to move for extensions of time to file testimony. In addition, that rule provides for the granting of such motions for "good cause shown."

Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-12(C) allows parties to request an expedited ruling on their motions. That rule provides that "[i]f the motion requests an extension of time to file to file pleadings or other papers of five days or less, an immediate ruling may be issued without the filing of memoranda."

#### III. ARGUMENT

Pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-13(A) and 4901-1-12(C), the OCC seeks an extension of the deadline to file objections and to file its testimony one day later than currently scheduled. This extension of time would change the due date for written

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Entry at 2,  $\P(4)(c)$ .

objections and pre-filed testimony from February 16, 2010 to February 17, 2010. The OCC proposes that the *extension apply to all intervenors*.

The current procedural schedule, which provides for the filing of protests and testimony the day after a holiday, adds an additional burden to the discussion and review process in which all the parties are presently engaged. The extension sought by the OCC would apply to all parties subject to the deadlines on February 16, 2010, and is unopposed by any party to these cases. Hopefully the discussion and review process currently in progress will assist in reducing the matters in dispute between the parties.

The extension sought in the OCC's Motions will not delay in the remainder of the procedural schedule. Therefore, the extension should not work to prejudice any party. For these reasons, the Commission should grant OCC's Motions.

The OCC requests a ruling on its Motions in the shortest period of time possible for the purposes of permitting all parties to plan their schedules.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, the Commission should grant OCC's Motions based upon the OCC's showing of good cause. The Commission should grant these Motions in the shortest period of time possible, without waiting for the filing of responsive memoranda as permitted by Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-12(C).

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It is hereby certified that a true copy of the foregoing *Motions by the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel* was served electronically (hard copy available upon request) to the below-listed Service List this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010.

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