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DUKE ENERGY OHIO EXHIBIT _____

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BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Duke)
Energy Ohio for Approval of a Market)
Rate Offer to Conduct a Competitive)
Bidding Process for Standard Service) Case No. 10-2586-EL-SSO
Offer Electric Generation Supply,)
Accounting Modifications, and Tariffs for)
Generation Service.)

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF

B. KEITH TRENT

ON BEHALF OF

DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.

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I. INTRODUCTION

1 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

2 A. My name is B. Keith Trent, and my business address is 526 South Church Street,
3 Charlotte, North Carolina 28202.

4 **Q. BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?**

5 A. I am employed by Duke Energy Business Services LLC (DEBS), as Group
6 Executive and President of the Commercial Businesses organization for Duke
7 Energy Corporation (Duke Energy). DEBS provides various administrative and
8 other services to Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke Energy Ohio) and other affiliated
9 companies of Duke Energy.

10 **Q. PLEASE BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATION AND**
11 **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS.**

12 A. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering, with honors,
13 from Southern Methodist University and a Juris Doctor Degree, with high honors,
14 from the University of Texas College of Law. I also completed the Harvard
15 Business School Advanced Management Program and the Reactor Technology
16 Course for Utility Executives at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. I am
17 licensed to practice law in North Carolina and Texas, as well as numerous federal
18 district courts and the United States Supreme Court. I am also a member of
19 various bar associations. I am a member of the board of directors of Bright
20 Automotive, Inc., and the board of trustees of The Keystone Center, and I am co-
21 chair of The Keystone Energy Board. I serve on the boards of visitors of the

1 Wake Forest University School of Business and Charlotte Country Day School. I
2 also serve on the advisory board of New Leaders for New Schools Charlotte.

3 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR BUSINESS BACKGROUND AND**
4 **EXPERIENCE.**

5 A. I joined Duke Energy in May 2002 as General Counsel, Litigation. I was
6 responsible for managing all major litigation and government investigations for
7 Duke Energy. The labor and employment and environmental, health and safety
8 legal teams also reported to me. I was named group vice president, general
9 counsel and secretary in June 2005 and group executive and chief development
10 officer in April 2006. In that role, I led corporate development, including
11 corporate strategy, and mergers and acquisitions. I was named Group Executive
12 and Chief Strategy and Policy Officer in September 2006 and, in July 2008, I
13 became Group Executive and Chief Strategy, Policy and Regulatory Officer. In
14 that role, each of the presidents of Duke Energy's utility operating companies
15 reported to me. I was named to my current position in July 2009. Before coming
16 to Duke Energy in 2002, I served as a partner in the law firm Snell, Brannian and
17 Trent. Prior to that, I was an attorney at Jackson Walker in Dallas, Texas. I
18 began my career as a reservoir/production engineer with ARCO Oil & Gas in
19 Houston in 1982.

20 **Q. WHAT ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES IN YOUR CURRENT**
21 **POSITION?**

22 A. I am responsible for the successful operation and management of Duke Energy's
23 commercial businesses. Specifically, I am responsible for Duke Energy

1 Generation Services, which includes the wind generation business; Midwest
2 Commercial Generation; Duke Energy International, with primary operations in
3 Latin America; and Duke Energy's investment in the DukeNet joint venture with
4 Alinda Capital Partners. DukeNet is a telecommunications business. I am also
5 responsible for all strategy and policy matters related to Duke Energy's
6 Commercial Businesses.

7 **Q. HAVE YOU EVER TESTIFIED BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES**
8 **COMMISSION OF OHIO?**

9 **A. No.**

II. ADOPTION OF TESTIMONY

10 **Q. HAVE YOU READ THE DIRECT TESTIMONY FILED BY JAMES E.**
11 **ROGERS IN THIS PROCEEDING?**

12 **A. Yes, I have.**

13 **Q. DO YOU ADOPT THAT TESTIMONY AS YOUR OWN?**

14 **A. Yes, I adopt, as my own testimony, the testimony filed by James E. Rogers on**
15 **November 15, 2010, in this proceeding.**

III. CONCLUSION

16 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR PRE-FILED DIRECT TESTIMONY?**

17 **A. Yes.**