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Secretary of the Commission
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
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*Re: In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company
for Approval of Unit 5 of the Shutdown of Unit 5 of the
Phillip Sporn Generating Station and the Establish a
Plant Shutdown Rider, Case No. 10-1454-EL-RDR*

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Dear Ms. Jenkins:

Ohio Power Company (OPCo) would like to update the Commission and other interested parties regarding developments that have occurred since the time the application was filed to initiate this case. Paragraph 13 of the application stated that OPCo was obligated to give at least 90 days advance notice to PJM Interconnection, LLC (PJM) of the planned closure of Unit 5 of the Phillip Sporn Generating Station (Sporn 5) and that such notice was being given to PJM concurrent with the filing of the application. On October 29, 2010, PJM informed OPCo that from PJM's perspective, Sporn 5 "may be deactivated at any time," since PJM did not identify any reliability violations resulting from the proposed shutdown.

Similarly, on February 1, 2011, Monitoring Analytics, LLC – referred to as the "Market Monitoring Unit" (MMU) in PJM's Open Access Transmission Tariff (PJM OATT) – notified OPCo that it "cannot identify a market power issue" with respect to the proposed shutdown of Sporn 5, after reciting the MMU's obligation under Section IV of Attachment M to the PJM OATT to analyze the effects of a proposed deactivation with regard to any potential market power issues.

Thus, the only remaining regulatory approval for the proposed shutdown of Sporn 5 is for the Commission to rule on the application filed by OPCo in this case.

Respectfully Submitted,

cc: Counsel of Record

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