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 Offer Electric Generation Supply, Accounting Modifications, and Tariffs for Generation Service. SION OF OHIO

THE OHIO MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION'S MEMORANDUM CONTRA APPLICATIONS FOR REHEARING OF DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC. AND FIRSTENERGY SOLUTIONS CORP.

On November 15, 2010, Duke Energy-Ohio ("Duke") filed an application for approval of a market rate offer ("MRO") with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission"). On February 23, 2010, the Commission issued a detailed 77-page Opinion and Order rejecting Duke's MRO application based primarily upon Duke's failure to abide by the requirements in Ohio Revised Code Sections ("R.C.") 4928.142(D) and (E) regarding the statutory five-year blending period.

Although both Duke and FirstEnergy Solutions Corporation ("FES") filed applications for rehearing on March 25, 2011, neither raised issues not already addressed in their post-hearing briefs and rejected by the Commission. More specifically, the issue of the five-year blending period requirements in R.C. 4928.142(D), and the Commission's discretion under R.C. 4928.142(E) to alter the five-year blending period were analyzed, *ad nauseam*, at the evidentiary hearing and in numerous posthearing briefs. The Commission's Opinion and Order properly rejected the arguments

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of both Duke and FES (not coincidentally the same arguments raised in their applications for rehearing), concluding:

- "Duke was required to file a five-year blending plan and transition to market. Failure to do so renders Duke's proposed MRO application in noncompliance with the statutory requirements."¹
- "Duke did not comply with the requirements for the filing of an MRO and provide information for years three through five. . . . Instead, Duke took the chance that its view of the statutory constraints was correct and only filed supporting documentation for three years."²
- "[W]e must wait until year two of the MRO to consider whether the blended price percentages set forth in paragraph (D) of Section 4928.142, Revised Code should be altered pursuant to paragraph (E) of Section 4828.142, Revised Code.³³
- To consider "such a change now, at the outset of the proposed MRO, is premature and would necessitate that the Commission prejudge circumstances that are neither present currently nor reflected in the record."⁴

It is entirely improper to revisit these issues yet again when neither Duke nor FES have

raised any new grounds for doing so. Duke's and FES's arguments were fully briefed,

adequately considered by the Commission, and properly rejected.

¹ Opinion and Order at 23.

² *Id.* at 26.

³ Id. at 17.

⁴ Id. at 25.

For these reasons, and those set forth in OMA's post-hearing briefs, OMA

respectfully requests that the applications for rehearing of Duke and FES be denied.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of THE OHIO MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION

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