BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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Case No. 10-2929-EL-UNC		

In the Matter of the Commission Review of)
the Capacity Charges of Ohio Power)
Company and Columbus Southern Power)
Company)

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE OF THE RETAIL ENERGY SUPPLY ASSOCIATION

Now comes the Retail Energy Supply Association (RESA)¹, who, pursuant to Section 4903.221, Revised Code and Rule 4901-1-11 of the Ohio Administrative Code, moves for intervention in the above styled proceeding as a full party of record. The reasons supporting the intervention are contained in the accompanying Memorandum in Support.

WHEREFORE, RESA respectfully requests that the Commission grant this motion for leave to intervene and that RESA be made a full party of record.

Respectfully Submitted,

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION TO INTERVENE OF THE RETAIL ENERGY SUPPLY ASSOCIATION

Section 4903.221, Revised Code and Rule 4901-1-11 of the Ohio Administrative Code, establish the standard for intervention in the above-styled proceeding as a full party of record.

Rule 4901-1-11 of the Ohio Administrative Code states in part:

Upon timely motion, any person shall be permitted to intervene in a proceeding upon a showing that:

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(2) The person has a real and substantial interest in the proceeding, and the person is so situated that the disposition of the proceeding may, as a practical matter, impair or impede his or her ability to protect that interest, unless the person's interest is adequately represented by existing parties.

In addition to establishment of a direct interest, the factors that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (the "Commission") considers in implementing the above rule are the nature of the intervenor's interest, the extent that interest is represented by existing parties, the intervenor's potential contribution to a just and expeditious resolution of the issues involved, and whether intervention would result in an undue delay of the proceeding. (See also R.C. 4903.221(B) upon which the above rule is authorized). A review of these factors in light of following facts supports granting RESA's intervention.

RESA is a broad and diverse group of retail energy suppliers who share the common vision that competitive retail energy markets deliver a more efficient, customer-oriented outcome than regulated utility structure. Several RESA members are certificated as competitive retail electric service providers and active in the Ohio retail electric and natural gas markets providing service to residential, commercial, industrial and governmental customers. In addition, some of RESA's members currently provide CRES service to retail customers in Columbus Southern

Power and Ohio Power's service areas.

In its January 23, 2012 Entry on Rehearing, the Commission directed AEP-Ohio to file, no later than February 28, 2012, new proposed tariffs which would contain an appropriate application of capacity charges under the approved state compensation mechanism established in Case No. 10-2929-EL-UNC. The Commission also directed the Attorney Examiners to establish a procedural schedule in Case No. 10-2929-EL-UNC. On December 8, 2010, the Commission issued an Entry inviting comments from interested persons concerning the Ohio Power Company and the Columbus Southern Company capacity charges to Ohio's competitive retail electric service providers. Contemporaneously with this motion to intervene, RESA is filing such comments.

RESA's members have existing and potential business interests in the State that will be affected by the outcome of the proceeding. The Commission's decision in this matter will affect the viability of the competitive retail electric market in Columbus Southern Power's and Ohio Power Company's service territories, in which some of the RESA members provide electric power and other products and services to retail service customers. Because of its unique expertise and participation in competitive retail and wholesale markets in Ohio and across the country, RESA will be able to assist in the development of a full and complete record to assist the Commission in its consideration of this case.

WHEREFORE, the Retail Energy Supply Association respectfully requests that the Commission grant this motion for leave to intervene and that RESA be made a full party of record.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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