

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

DALE BALLOK

Complainant,

v.

**THE CLEVELAND ELECTRIC
ILLUMINATING COMPANY,**

Respondent.

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Case No. 12-2383-EL-CSS

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RESPONSIVE PLEADING AND
REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED REVIEW**

Pursuant to Rule 4901-1-13 of the Ohio Administrative Code, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company ("CEI") hereby respectfully requests that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission") grant this Motion for Extension of Time for CEI to file its responsive pleading, which is currently due September 17, 2012. CEI requires additional time to prepare its responsive pleading because additional time is needed to investigate Complainant's claims.

Accordingly, as explained more fully in the attached Memorandum in Support, CEI respectfully requests an Entry granting CEI's Motion for Extension of Time and providing that CEI may file a responsive pleading on or before October 8, 2012. CEI also respectfully requests that this Motion be granted on an expedited basis pursuant to Rule 4901-1-12(C) of the Ohio Administrative Code.

Dated: September 5, 2012

Respectfully Submitted,

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4901-1-13, the Commission may grant continuances and extensions of time for good cause shown. For the reasons set forth below, there is good cause for granting CEI an extension of time until October 8, 2012, to file a responsive pleading in this case.

CEI's responsive pleading is currently due September 17, 2012. CEI seeks an extension of time so that it can fully investigate Complainant's claims and explore whether a resolution is possible. This is the first request for an extension that CEI has made and CEI is not requesting this extension for purposes of delay. This extension also will not prejudice any party to this case. Accordingly, CEI asks that it be permitted to file a responsive pleading on or before October 8, 2012.

Rule 4901-1-12(C) of the Ohio Administrative Code allows a party to request that the Commission consider a motion on an expedited basis. Accordingly, CEI respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Motion on an expedited basis.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was delivered to the following persons by first class mail, postage prepaid, this 5th day of September, 2012.

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