### **BEFORE**

### THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Adoption of Chapter	)	
4901:1-3, Ohio Administrative Code,	)	
Concerning Access to Poles, Ducts,	)	Case No. 13-579-AU-ORD
Conduits, and Rights-of-Way by Public	)	
Utilities	)	

# JOINT MOTION

**OF** 

OHIO POWER COMPANY, COLUMBUS SOUTHERN POWER COMPANY, OHIO EDISON COMPANY, THE CLEVELAND ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING COMPANY, THE TOLEDO EDISON COMPANY, THE DAYTON POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY AND DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC., FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE COMMENTS AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

Now come the Ohio Power Company, Columbus Southern Power Company, Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, The Toledo Edison Company, The Dayton Power and Light Company, and Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., (collectively, Joint Movants), in accordance with Rule 4901-1-13, Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), and hereby submit to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, a Joint Motion for an Extension of Time to File Comments. Joint Movants also request that this motion be granted on an expedited basis as provided for in Rule 4901-1-12 (C), O.A.C. Reasons for this request are set forth in the attached Memorandum in Support.

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## **MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT**

Pursuant to an Entry dated May 15, 2013, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) announced that it was considering adopting a new chapter of rules, in Chapter 4901:1-3, O.A.C., specifically dedicated to access to poles, ducts, conduits, and rights-of-way provided by public utilities. Further in its Entry, the Commission invited interested persons to comment on the attached proposed rules and to assist in the review required by Executive Order 2011-01K. Comments are presently to be filed by June 14, 2013 and reply comments are due July 1, 2013.

Ohio Power Company, Columbus Southern Power Company, Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, The Toledo Edison Company, The Dayton Power and Light Company, and Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., (collectively, Joint Movants), are all public utilities as defined in Revised Code 4905.02 and 4905.03. The Joint Movants all have an interest in the subject matter to be addressed in the rulemaking in this proceeding.

As a new Chapter in the O.A.C., the Proposed Rules represent a significant departure from the current and long-time regulatory approach in Ohio involving the application of the Joint Movants' tariffs, joint use agreements and joint ownership agreements. Given the broad scope of the Proposed Rules, including the incorporation of Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") provisions not previously applied to electric utilities in Ohio, the Joint Movants submit that substantial analysis and input from subject matter experts is required for a full understanding of the potential reliability, safety, and cost impacts upon the utilities and their customers.

Moreover, the Joint Movants propose to engage in discussions to determine the feasibility of filing joint comments in this docket. In order to develop their comments, and given that various subject matter experts are unavailable during certain times over the next few weeks, the Joint Movants request that the Commission grant a thirty-day extension within which to submit comments. Such an extension will provide time for collaborative discussions and may ultimately allow the Joint Movants to file joint comments, thereby eliminating potentially duplicative filings.

For the reasons stated, Joint Movants respectfully request that the Commission grant this motion for a thirty-day extension and provide that comments be due on July 12, 2013 and reply comments due July 26. The Joint Movants further request that the motion be granted on an expedited basis in order to allow the Joint Movants to immediately schedule collaborative discussions to work toward possible joint comments. This request is made pursuant to Rule 4901-1-12 (C), O.A.C.

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