

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

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

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**MOTION FOR PERMISSION TO APPEAR *PRO HAC VICE*  
OF JOHN DAVIDSON THOMAS**

Pursuant to Rule 4901-1-08(B) of the Ohio Administrative Code, Stephen M. Howard, an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Ohio, respectfully moves that John Davidson Thomas be admitted *pro hac vice* to practice before the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (the “Commission”) for the purpose of representing the Ohio Cable Telecommunications Association (“OCTA”) in the instant matter, and in support thereof, states as follows:

A. He is employed by the law firm Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP, 1300 I Street NW, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor East, Washington DC 20005-3314.

B. He is admitted to practice law in the District of Columbia.

C. He has never been disbarred, is not currently under suspension, and there are no discipline proceedings pending against him in any jurisdiction.

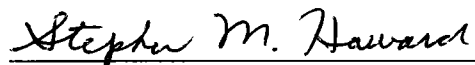
D. Pursuant to Rule XII(2)(A)(5) of the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio, he has not granted permission to appear *pro hac vice* in more than three proceedings before Ohio tribunals in the current calendar year. The address of Mr. Thomas is:

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E. The Ohio Supreme Court has issued PHV #2040-2013 to Mr. Thomas.

WHEREFORE, Stephen M. Howard respectfully requests that John Davidson Thomas be permitted to practice before the Commission in the above-styled proceeding.

Respectfully submitted.

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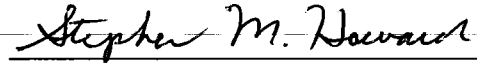
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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing document was served this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013 by electronic mail upon the persons listed below.

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