

**BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Ohio)	
Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric)	
Illuminating Company and The Toledo)	
Edison Company for Authority to Provide)	Case No. 14-1297-EL-SSO
for a Standard Service Offer Pursuant to R.C.)	
4928.143 in the Form of an Electric Security)	
Plan)	

**MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER
OF
OHIO EDISON COMPANY
THE CLEVELAND ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING COMPANY
THE TOLEDO EDISON COMPANY**

Pursuant to O.A.C. 4901-1-24(D), Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company and The Toledo Edison Company (collectively, the “Companies”) move for a protective order keeping confidential the following information of the Companies, which is contained and/or referenced in the testimony of the Companies’ witnesses and the exhibits and workpapers thereto, because the information is or may be deemed to be the confidential, proprietary, trade secret, and/or competitive business information of the Companies, an affiliate of the Companies and the Companies’ witnesses and consultants.

- Portions of the Rebuttal Testimony of Donald Moul
- Portions of the Rebuttal Testimony of Jason Lisowski

Accordingly, the Companies request that the Commission grant this Motion and protect from disclosure the confidential information. A Memorandum in Support of this Motion is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Consistent with the requirements of

O.A.C. 4901-1-24(D), unredacted copies of the confidential information which is the subject of this Motion have been filed under seal.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company and The Toledo Edison Company (collectively, the “Companies”) request that the Commission protect from public disclosure the information designated on Attachment A hereto as confidential, competitively-sensitive confidential and/or proprietary (along with any and all copies, including electronic copies). The designated information is contained in the rebuttal testimony of the Companies’ witnesses and the exhibits and workpapers thereto. The Companies have made good faith efforts to limit the amount of information for which confidential treatment is sought.

Ohio law and the Commission’s rules provide for the protection of confidential and proprietary information. Specifically, O.A.C. 4901-1-24(A) provides the Commission may issue:

[A]ny order which is necessary to protect a party or person from annoyance, embarrassment, oppression, or undue burden or expense. Such a protective order may provide that: . . .
(7) A trade secret or other confidential research, development, commercial, or other information not be disclosed or be disclosed only in a designated way.

Pursuant to O.A.C. 4901-1-24(D), the Commission also may issue an order to protect the confidentiality of information contained in documents filed with the Commission to the extent that state or federal law prohibits the release of the information and where non-disclosure of the information is not inconsistent with the purposes of Title 49 of the Revised Code.

Pursuant to R.C. § 1333.61(D), a “trade secret” is:

[A]ny business information or plans, financial information, or listing of names, addresses, or telephone numbers, that satisfies both of the following:

(1) It derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use. [And]

(2) It is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy.

Ohio law grants special protections to such trade secrets, including statutory causes of action for an injunction precluding the misappropriation of trade secrets. *See* R.C. § 1333.62. The Commission has recognized the statutory obligation to protect trade secrets, even in the context of its preference for open proceedings, and has previously carried out its obligations in this regard in numerous proceedings. *See In re: General Telephone Co.*, Case No. 81-383-TP-AIR (Entry, February 17, 1982) (recognizing necessity of protecting trade secrets); *See, e.g., Elyria Tel. Co.*, Case No. 89-965-TP-AEC (Finding and Order, September 21, 1989); *Ohio Bell Tel. Co.*, Case No. 89-718-TP-ATA (Finding and Order, May 31, 1989); *Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.*, Case No. 90-17-GA-GCR (Entry, August 17, 1990).

Here, the Companies are seeking to prevent disclosure of the proprietary, confidential business information of FirstEnergy Solutions Corp. (“FES”). This information was provided to the Companies pursuant to a nondisclosure agreement solely for purposes of the proposed

transaction underlying the Companies' Economic Stability Program. FES considers and has treated the information as a trade secret. In the ordinary course of business of FES, this information is treated as proprietary and confidential by FES employees. It is not disclosed to anyone without proper safeguards. Mr. Moul and Mr. Lisowski's testimony includes cost and revenue requirements data for specific generating plants, as well as information about the characteristics of the plants and price forecasts. This information would be of great value to FES's competitors and would competitively disadvantage FES if publicly disclosed.

Attachment A to this Memorandum in Support lists the information which has been redacted from the associated filing and further describes why it should be granted protected status. For the foregoing reasons, the Companies request that the designated information be protected from public disclosure.

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Attachment A

Rebuttal Testimony of Donald Moul

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3	8-10	Information about plant operating characteristics.
3	12-13	Forecast energy prices from witness Rose
5	2-5	Coal average cost at Sammis and coal price forecasts.

Rebuttal Testimony of Jason Lisowski

<i>page</i>	<i>line</i>	<i>Description</i>
3-4	3:18-4:1	Information about past cash flow at each plant.
JJL-4 through JJL-7		Net income and cash flow at each plant for the period from 2009-2014.

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