BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the Application of TimkenSteel Corporation for Approval of a Unique Arrangement for the TimkenSteel **Corporation's Stark County Facilities**

Case No. 15-1857-EL-AEC

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MOTION OF OHIO POWER COMPANY TO INTERVENE AND STATEMENT OF NON-OPPOSITION

Pursuant to Rules 4901-1-11 and 4901:1-38-05(F), Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), Ohio Power Company (AEP Ohio) hereby moves the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) to intervene in this proceeding. AEP Ohio does not oppose a unique arrangement on the terms and conditions proposed in the Application, but reserves the right to challenge any modifications that adversely affect AEP Ohio. A memorandum in support is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

On November 2, 2015 TimkenSteel Corporation (TimkenSteel) filed an application for approval of an amendment to the reasonable arrangement between TimkenSteel and AEP Ohio (Application). AEP Ohio respectfully requests that it be permitted to intervene in this proceeding. Section 4901-1-11 (A) (2), Ohio Admin. Code, provides:

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

(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.

Further, §4901-1-11 (B), Ohio Admin. Code provides:

(B) In deciding whether to permit intervention under paragraph (A) (2 of this rule, the commission, the legal director, the deputy legal director, or an attorney examiner shall consider:

(1) The nature and extent of the prospective intervenor's interest.

(2) The legal position advanced by the prospective intervenor and its probable relation to the merits of the case.

(3) Whether the intervention by the prospective intervenor will unduly prolong or delay the proceedings.

(4) Whether the prospective intervenor will significantly contribute to full development and equitable resolution of the factual issues.

(5) The extent to which the person's interest is represented by existing parties.¹

Regarding these criteria, AEP Ohio's clear and direct interest is as the party to the

contract. AEP Ohio's intervention will not prolong or delay this proceeding. Further, as

¹ Factors (B) (1) – (4) are consistent with §4903.221 (B), Ohio Rev. Code.

the party to the proposed amended contract AEP Ohio will be in a unique position to contribute to the full development and equitable resolution of any factual issues that might arise in the proceeding. AEP Ohio does not oppose a unique arrangement on the terms and conditions proposed in the Application, but reserves the right to challenge any modifications that adversely affect AEP Ohio.

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