BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

| In the Matter of the Application Seeking |) | |
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| Approval of Ohio Power Company's |) | |
| Proposal to Enter into an Affiliate Power |) | Case No. 14-1693-EL-RDR |
| Purchase Agreement for Inclusion in the |) | |
| Power Purchase Agreement Rider. |) | |
| In the Matter of the Application of Ohio |) | |
| Power Company for Approval of Certain |) | Case No. 14-1694-EL-RDR |
| Accounting Authority. |) | |
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REPLY IN SUPPORT OF JOINT MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE ATTORNEY EXAMINER'S PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE BY

APPALACHIAN PEACE AND JUSTICE NETWORK
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY, INC.
EXELON GENERATION COMPANY LLC
ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLY ASSOCIATION
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW & POLICY CENTER
OFFICE OF THE OHIO CONSUMERS' COUNSEL
OHIO MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION ENERGY GROUP
PJM POWER PROVIDERS GROUP

AND THE RETAIL ENERGY SUPPLY ASSOCIATION

On December 16, 2015, Constellation NewEnergy, Inc., Exelon Generation Company LLC, the Electric Power Supply Association, the Environmental Defense Fund, the Environmental Law & Policy Center, the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, the Ohio Environmental Council, PJM Power Providers Group and the Retail Energy Supply Association filed a motion seeking a three-week extension of the Attorney Examiner's procedural schedule established by the December 15, 2015 Entry in this proceeding. As discussed in that Motion, the

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¹ The Ohio Manufacturers' Association Energy Group filed a letter in support of this Motion on December 18, 2015, and joins in this Reply. Counsel were unable to obtain authorization from the Ohio Environmental Council and Environmental Defense Fund to sign onto this Reply in

current schedule – which provides for testimony in opposition to the Stipulation proposed by Ohio Power Company ("AEP Ohio") be filed by December 28 and that an evidentiary hearing start on January 4, 2016 at 10:00 AM – is inadequate given the significant new issues raised by the Stipulation, and will prejudice the parties opposing the Stipulation.

The original application addressed the rate stabilization program in general and specifically the Rider PPA. In sharp contrast, the Stipulation has commitments for 900 MW of ratepayer-backed renewable energy, ratepayer-backed gas co-firing, and additional no-bid funds for entities that support AEP Ohio's Application. Since none of these items were part of the application, having only a few business days during the Christmas holidays for pre-Stipulation discovery is not sufficient to prepare expert testimony for the hearing on these new topics. Plus, having only a few more business days to prepare for the hearing on January 4 is likewise not sufficient time.

AEP Ohio's Memorandum Contra, filed on December 18, 2015, fails to show that the existing schedule is in fact sufficient. In large part, AEP Ohio asserts that the complained-of new, non-rate-stabilization portions of the Stipulation involve "future Commission proceedings down the road" and apparently therefore need not be addressed by the parties in this proceeding. AEP Ohio Mem. Contra (Dec. 18, 2015) at 5. AEP Ohio's statement confirms that there are multiple new provisions in the Stipulation that must be review and analyzed. Due process calls for additional, reasonable time to prepare for and participate at hearing, and the current schedule (with the holidays intervening) does not provide the opposing parties with that reasonable time.

Simply put, the new issues that will be the subject of future proceedings require some degree of Commission approval now and that approval in this proceeding will affect our ability

time for filing on December 21, 2015, and given the short timeline at issue this Reply is filed without those parties joining.

to fully litigate the merits in future proceedings. More immediately, given that the Commission must consider these commitments for future filings as part of its determination whether the Stipulation is reasonable as a package, it is vital for intervening parties to be able to have reasonable time to carefully and fully develop their cases and inform the Commission about what these provisions of the Stipulation may entail for customers.

In light of the looming deadlines in the current schedule, we respectfully request that the Commission rule on the pending Motion as soon as possible. In particular, given that intervenor testimony is due immediately after the coming Christmas holiday weekend, we request a ruling before December 23, 2015, to allow us to plan accordingly if the extension is not granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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