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Barcy F. McNeal, Secretary Docketing Division Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215

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

## Dear Secretary McNeal:

On March 31, 2016, the Commission issued its Opinion and Order modifying and approving the Electric Security Plan ("ESP IV") of Ohio Edison Company, The Toledo Edison Company, and The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company (the "Companies"). On May 2, 2016, the Companies filed an Application For Rehearing and Rehearing Testimony of Eileen M. Mikkelsen requesting certain modifications to the Commission Order, including a few modest modifications to Rider RRS.

The Signatory Parties have reviewed the filing. The Signatory Parties are aware that the proposed procedural schedule requires expedited review and support the Companies' proposed narrow change to only the structure of one component that modifies the structure of Rider RRS, based on information that is already part of the litigated record. Since the underlying record in this case is already replete with supporting evidence, the record need not and should not, be revisited on rehearing except as necessary for the limited purpose to explain the modified Rider RRS. The proposed schedule will provide an opportunity for parties to understand the modest modifications and its robust record support.

The Signatory Parties fully support the filing and the proposed schedule for review<sup>1</sup>. The Signatory Parties believe that the modest modifications to Rider RRS reflect the original intent of Rider RRS to provide a retail rate stability mechanism that will protect customers against rate volatility, price fluctuations and long term price increases.

Accordingly, the Signatory Parties request that the Commission grant rehearing, adopt the proposed procedural schedule, accept the Companies' modifications filed on May 2, 2016, and timely approve the ESP IV for a June 1, 2016 effective date, so that the benefits of ESP IV can be

<sup>1</sup> Staff of the Public Utilities Commission is still reviewing the Application For Rehearing and Rehearing Testimony of Eileen M. Mikkelsen. Also, The Kroger Company does not oppose the Companies' filing or proposed procedural schedule.

preserved and implemented in a timely manner for the benefit of the Companies' customers and the State of Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,

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