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In re: <u>Case No. 14-1297-EL-SSO</u>

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please find attached the MEMORANDUM CONTRA MOTION TO STAY OF THE OHIO ENERGY GROUP e-filed today in the above-referenced matters.

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Respectfully yours,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In The Matter Of The Application Of The Ohio Edison: Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, : And The Toledo Edison Company For Authority To: Establish A Standard Service Offer Pursuant To R.C. §: 4928.143 In The Form Of An Electric Security Plan.

Case No. 14-1297-EL-SSO

MEMORANDUM CONTRA MOTION TO STAY OF THE OHIO ENERGY GROUP

Pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-12, the Ohio Energy Group ("OEG") submits this Memorandum Contra the Motion to Stay the Implementation of Changes to Rider NMB and the Implementation of the Rider NMB Opt-Out Pilot and Motion for an Expedited Ruling ("Motion") filed by the Retail Energy Supply Association ("RESA") on May 25, 2016. In its Motion, RESA asks that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission") stay the implementation of Rider NMB until after the Commission rules on RESA's application for rehearing and, if applicable, reviews and approves a tariff sheet for the Pilot. RESA's Motion should be denied.

OEG incorporates by reference the well-reasoned arguments contained in the Memorandum Contra filed by Industrial Energy Users-Ohio on May 27, 2016 in this proceeding, which thoroughly set forth several reasons why RESA failed to satisfy the legal standard for obtaining a stay. Additionally, OEG notes that RESA members are not required to accommodate customers participating in the Rider NMB Pilot Program. The choice to assist such customers, and to undertake any additional time or expense necessary to do so, is entirely within each RESA member's discretion. Consequently, RESA

cannot demonstrate that the Commission's decision to allow the Rider NMB Pilot Program to become effective on June 1, 2016 will result in irreparable harm to its members.

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