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Re: *In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company for Authority to Establish a Standard Service Offer Pursuant to Section 4928.143, Revised Code, in the Form of an Electric Security Plan*, Case No. 16-1852-EL-SSO; *In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company for Approval of Certain Accounting Authority*, Case No. 16-1853-EL-AAM

Examiner See:

Last month, you issued a procedural schedule for these cases. Ohio Power Company (AEP Ohio) appreciates having a reasonable procedural schedule established and, as a consequence, re-evaluated the interim relief requested in the Amended Application filed on November 23, 2016. More specifically, the Amended Application requested an interim ruling on its proposal to use the OVEC contractual entitlement to serve SSO load as it relates to the delivery period beginning June 1, 2017 and the underlying Spring SSO auction. In light of the overall procedural schedule for these cases and in light of the Spring SSO auction schedule that is already well underway, AEP Ohio has decided to withdraw its interim relief in this case so that the Spring SSO auction can be completed without any modification or interruption. The Company stands fully behind its OVEC proposal and continues to request that the Commission grant that proposal as part of its merit decision to be in place for the remainder of the extended ESP III term. As a related matter, the Company still plans to make a parallel filing amending its corporate separation plan to support the OVEC proposal, as discussed on page 26 of the Direct Testimony of Andrea E. Moore (filed November 23, 2016); that filing will be made in a separate docket but will facilitate the expedient implementation of a merit decision in these cases that grants the OVEC proposal.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/Steven T. Nourse

cc: Parties of Record

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