

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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| In the Matter of the Application of |) | |
| Ohio Edison Company for |) | |
| Authority to Issue, Renew or |) | Case No. 17-2139-EL-AIS |
| Assume Liability on Notes and |) | |
| Other Evidences of Indebtedness |) | |
| Pursuant to O.R.C. §4905.401 |) | |

Applicant, Ohio Edison Company (the "Company"), respectfully represents:

1. The Company is an Ohio corporation engaged in the distribution of electric energy for sale to customers in Ohio under rates and tariffs approved by this Commission.
2. O.R.C. §4905.401(A) provides an exception which permits the Company, without action by this Commission, to issue, renew or assume liability on notes and other evidences of indebtedness maturing not more than twelve months after the date of such issuance, renewal or assumption of liability (collectively, "Short-Term Notes") of not more than 5% of the par value of the other outstanding stocks, bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness of the Company (the "Statutory Exemption Limit"). The Statutory Exemption Limit for the Company at June 30, 2017, is \$86,830,521.50. During the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, this Commission, in its Finding and Order in Case No. 16-2051- EL-AIS, *et al.* (the "2016 Order"), authorized the Company to have short-term notes outstanding including the Statutory Exemption Limit, in the aggregate principal amount of not more than \$500,000,000. During the period January 1, 2018

through December 31, 2018 (the “2018 Fiscal Year”), the Company estimates that it may again need to exceed the Statutory Exemption Limit.

3. Pursuant to the provisions of O.R.C. §4905.401, the Company requests the Commission to authorize the Company to have Short-Term Notes outstanding at any one time during the 2018 Fiscal Year in an aggregate principal amount up to \$500,000,000 (the “Authorized Principal”) (such Authorized Principal to include the Statutory Exemption Limit).
4. The Company further requests that the Commission approve that the Authorized Principal, or any part thereof issued, renewed or assumed or to be issued, renewed or assumed, be in addition to any long-term financing that the Company may require during the 2018 Fiscal Year and which this Commission may approve pursuant to O.R.C. §4905.40.
5. The Company respectfully represents that the issuance and renewal of, or assumption of liability on, Short-Term Notes, from time to time, and the money to be procured therefrom, are reasonably required and necessary for the Company’s lawful capital purposes. Such Short-Term Notes may be issued to provide funds for regulated utility purposes including: current maturities of existing obligations, retirement of securities through open market purchases, redemption of securities through applicable redemption provisions, loans to the Money Pool (as defined in Paragraph 6 below), working capital and for general corporate purposes. Prior to their use, such funds may be invested in highly liquid short-term investments. Pursuant to O.R.C. §4905.41, the Company incorporates herein by reference the following exhibits:

- a. "Exhibit A," Balance Sheet including Statement of Capitalization as of June 30, 2017; and
 - b. "Exhibit B," Statement of Income for the Twelve Months Ended June 30, 2017.
6. This Commission, in its 2016 Order, previously approved a utility money pool contract (the "Money Pool") in order to establish an intra-system financing arrangement, by and among the Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company ("CEI"), the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, Pennsylvania Power Company ("Penn Power"), The Toledo Edison Company ("TE"), American Transmission Systems, Incorporated ("ATSI"), FirstEnergy Corp., solely as a lender, FirstEnergy Service Company, solely as administrator and not as a lender or borrower, Jersey Central Power & Light Company, Pennsylvania Electric Company ("PN"), Metropolitan Edison Company ("ME"), Monongahela Power Company, The Potomac Edison Company, West Penn Power Company, Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line Company and Waverly Electric Power & Light Company (each a "2016 Participating Company", collectively called the "2016 Participating Companies"), and the issuance and acquisition of Short-Term Notes of 2016 Participating Companies in connection therewith, through December 31, 2017.
7. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission issued their orders on February 18, 2016 and August 24, 2016, respectively, authorizing the Company's affiliate, Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC ("MAIT" together with the 2016 Participating Companies, the

“2017 Participating Companies”), to own and operate all FERC jurisdictional transmission assets of ME and PN. The Company, together with ATSI, CEI, and TE, desire that MAIT begin participating in the Money Pool after all requisite state and federal regulatory approvals are obtained. The Company filed an application with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PAPUC) on July 27, 2017 requesting that the PAPUC authorize a borrowing limit for MAIT and expects that MAIT will have obtained such authorization by the end of 2017.

8. The Company hereby requests that the Commission’s approval of the Money Pool be extended through December 31, 2018 and that the Authorized Principal shall include Short-Term Notes of the Company outstanding under the Money Pool by the Company.
9. The 2017 Participating Companies may contribute funds to the Money Pool from the following sources: (a) surplus funds from 2017 Participating Companies (“Internal Funds”), and (b) proceeds borrowed from external sources by the 2017 Participating Companies for loan to the Money Pool (“External Funds”).
10. The Commission, in its 2016 Order, authorized the Company, through December 31, 2017, to have short-term notes outstanding including the Statutory Exemption, in the aggregate principal amount of not more than \$500,000,000 at any one time and to participate in the Money Pool. During the 2018 Fiscal Year, the Company estimates that it may again need to exceed the Statutory Exemption Limit. Thus, the Company hereby requests the Commission to permit the Company to have short-term notes outstanding including the Statutory Exemption, in the aggregate principal amount of not more than \$500,000,000 at any one time and to

participate in the Money Pool by providing Internal or External Funds to 2017 Participating Companies through the Money Pool.

11. The Commission, in its 2016 Order authorized the Company, to provide loans to the Money Pool, so long as the aggregate amount loaned to the Money Pool by the Company, ATSI, CEI and TE did not exceed \$1,000,000,000 to the 2017 Participating Companies at any time. The Company hereby requests Commission authorization for the Company, together with ATSI, CEI and TE, to make loans in the aggregate to the Money Pool not to exceed \$1,000,000,000 outstanding to the 2017 Participating Companies (other than the Company, ATSI, CEI and TE) at any one time.
12. The Company agrees any loans to 2017 Participating Companies (other than ATSI, CEI and TE) made through the Money Pool shall be made only to those 2017 Participating Companies that have investment grade or higher credit ratings on their senior secured debt from at least one nationally recognized rating agency, or in the absence of such rating, investment grade or higher credit ratings on their corporate credit rating. The Company agrees to continue to report the details of its participation in the Money Pool on a quarterly basis to the Director of the Utilities Department of the Commission.

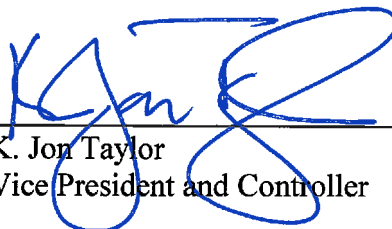
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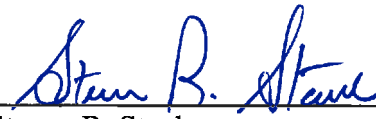
(1) That this Commission approves the extension of the Company's participation in the Money Pool through December 31, 2018 and that the Authorized Principal shall include Short-Term Notes of the Company outstanding under the Money Pool by the Company

(2) That this Commission authorizes the Company, during the 2018 Fiscal Year, to issue, renew or assume liability on Short-Term Notes, as requested in this Application, provided however, that the aggregate Short-Term Notes do not exceed \$500,000,000 outstanding at any one time, and provided further that such amount is exclusive of any long-term financing the Company may incur during said period with this Commission's approval.

(3) That this Commission authorizes the Company, during the 2018 Fiscal Year, to provide Internal or External Funds to the Money Pool, as requested in this Application, provided however, that the aggregate amount loaned to the Money Pool by the Company, ATSI, CEI and TE to the 2017 Participating Companies (other than the Company, ATSI, CEI and TE) does not exceed \$1,000,000,000 outstanding at any one time.


(4) That due to the time sensitive nature of this request, that this Commission issue such Order approving this Application on or before December 20, 2017.

By: 
K. Jon Taylor
Vice President and Controller


By: 
Steven R. Staub
Vice President and Treasurer

STATE OF OHIO)
) ss.:
SUMMIT COUNTY)

K. Jon Taylor and Steven R. Staub, depose and say that they are Vice President and Controller, and Vice President and Treasurer, respectively, of Ohio Edison Company, Applicant in the above matter, and that they have read and are fully acquainted and familiar with the contents of the foregoing Application and that the statements therein are true as they verily believe.

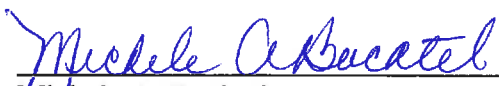


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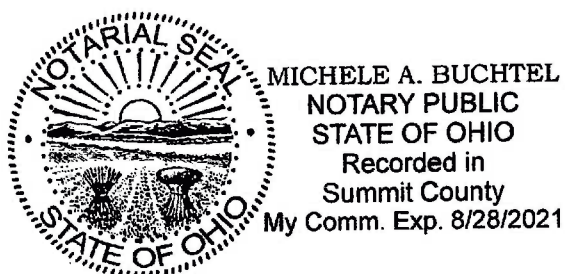
Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 18th day of October, 2017



Michele A. Buchtel
Notary Public, State of Ohio
Resident of Summit County
My Commission Expires August 28, 2021



James A. Arcuri
Attorney for Applicant



OHIO EDISON COMPANY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME
TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2017
(Unaudited)
(In millions)

REVENUES:

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| Electric sales | \$ 1,530 |
| Excise and gross receipts tax collections | 107 |
| Total revenues | <u>1,637</u> |

EXPENSES:

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| Purchased power from affiliates | 72 |
| Purchased power from non-affiliates | 290 |
| Pensions & OPEB mark-to-market adjustment | 22 |
| Other operating expenses | 583 |
| Provision for depreciation | 111 |
| Amortization of regulatory assets, net | 6 |
| General taxes | 206 |
| Total expenses | <u>1,290</u> |

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| OPERATING INCOME | <u><u>347</u></u> |
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OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):

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| Investment income | 18 |
| Miscellaneous expense | (8) |
| Interest expense | (71) |
| Capitalized financing costs | 6 |
| Total other expense | <u>(55)</u> |

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| INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES | 292 |
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| INCOME TAXES | <u>100</u> |
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| NET INCOME | <u><u>\$ 192</u></u> |
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OHIO EDISON COMPANY
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
(Unaudited)

| (In millions, except share amounts) | June 30, 2017 |
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| ASSETS | |
| CURRENT ASSETS: | |
| Receivables- | |
| Customers, net of allowance for uncollectible accounts of \$7 | \$ 169 |
| Affiliated companies | 83 |
| Other | 19 |
| Notes receivable from affiliated companies | 298 |
| Prepayments and other | 23 |
| | <u>592</u> |
| UTILITY PLANT: | |
| In service | 4,118 |
| Less - Accumulated provision for depreciation | <u>1,483</u> |
| | 2,635 |
| Construction work in progress | 105 |
| | <u>2,740</u> |
| OTHER PROPERTY AND INVESTMENTS: | |
| Other | 94 |
| | <u>94</u> |
| DEFERRED CHARGES AND OTHER ASSETS: | |
| Regulatory assets | 126 |
| Property taxes | 46 |
| Other | 8 |
| | <u>180</u> |
| | <u>\$ 3,606</u> |
| LIABILITIES AND CAPITALIZATION | |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES: | |
| Currently payable long-term debt | \$ 8 |
| Short-term borrowings - affiliated companies | 10 |
| Accounts payable- | |
| Affiliated companies | 24 |
| Other | 48 |
| Accrued taxes | 100 |
| Other | 83 |
| | <u>273</u> |
| CAPITALIZATION: | |
| Common stockholder's equity- | |
| Common stock, without par value, authorized 175,000,000 shares - | |
| 60 shares outstanding | 882 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | 5 |
| Retained earnings | 197 |
| Total common stockholder's equity | <u>1,084</u> |
| Long-term debt and other long-term obligations | 935 |
| | <u>2,019</u> |
| NONCURRENT LIABILITIES: | |
| Accumulated deferred income taxes | 715 |
| Retirement benefits | 252 |
| Asset retirement obligations | 3 |
| Other | 344 |
| | <u>1,314</u> |
| | <u>\$ 3,606</u> |

OHIO EDISON COMPANY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CAPITALIZATION
(Unaudited)

| (In millions) | June 30, 2017 |
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| COMMON STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY: | |
| Common stock, without par value, 175,000,000 shares authorized, 60 shares outstanding | \$ 882 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive Income | 5 |
| Retained earnings | 197 |
| Total | <u>1,084</u> |
| LONG-TERM DEBT AND OTHER LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS: | |
| Ohio Edison Company- | |
| First mortgage bonds: | |
| 8.250% due 2018 | 25 |
| 8.250% due 2038 | 275 |
| Total | <u>300</u> |
| Unsecured notes: | |
| 6.875% due 2036 | 350 |
| Total | <u>350</u> |
| Ohio Securitization | |
| Ohio Securitization Bonds | |
| 1.726% due 2020 | 9 |
| 3.45% due 2034 | 124 |
| Total | <u>133</u> |
| Pennsylvania Power Company- | |
| First mortgage bonds: | |
| 9.740% due 2019 | 2 |
| 6.090% due 2022 | 100 |
| 4.240% due 2056 | 50 |
| Total | <u>152</u> |
| Capital lease obligations | 19 |
| Net unamortized discount on debt | (3) |
| Debt discounts/premiums | (8) |
| Long-term debt due within one year | (8) |
| Total long-term debt and other long-term obligations | <u>935</u> |
| TOTAL CAPITALIZATION | <u><u>\$ 2,019</u></u> |

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Summary: Application of Ohio Edison Company for Authority to Issue, Renew or Assume Liability on Notes and Other Evidences of Indebtedness Pursuant to O.R.C. Section 4905.401 electronically filed by Mr. Joshua R. Eckert on behalf of Ohio Edison Company