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The Ohio Gas Company ("Ohio Gas"), pursuant to Rules 4901-1-12, Ohio Administrative Code ("O.A.C."), respectfully requests the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission") to vacate the date for the submission of testimony in support of objections to the Staff Report by Ohio Gas and other parties. Ohio Gas and the Staff appear to have reached a resolution of the issues in the case and will be filing a joint Stipulation and Recommendation.

Pursuant to Rule 4901-1-12(C), O.A.C., Ohio Gas also requests that the Commission issue an immediate ruling on this motion. Ohio Gas has contacted the other parties to this proceeding and one party, the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, has not approved expedited resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

The Commission has previously provided the parties an extension of the date by which testimony in support of objections is to be filed. Entry (Dec. 14, 2017). The due date is currently January 5, 2018. A prehearing is scheduled for January 4, 2018, and a hearing on the Application and objections is scheduled for January 18, 2018. *Id*.

It is anticipated that Ohio Gas and the Staff will file a Stipulation and Recommendation to resolve the issues in this case.

Because a Stipulation will be filed in this matter, testimony in support of Stipulation will be filed and the case will proceed on a determination of whether the Stipulation is a just and reasonable resolution of the matter. Accordingly, testimony in support of the objections would be superfluous.

Currently, this matter is set for a prehearing on January 4, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. At that time, the attorney examiners will have the opportunity to establish a schedule for the prosecution of the Stipulation. Thus, vacation of the current order to file testimony should not negatively affect the scheduling and prosecution of the case.

For these reasons, Ohio Gas requests that the date for filing testimony in support of objections be vacated.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gas Company to Vacate Due Date for Testimony in Support of Objections, and Request

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