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# MOTION TO INTERVENE AND MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF INDUSTRIAL ENERGY USERS-OHIO

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Industrial Energy Users-Ohio ("IEU-Ohio") hereby respectfully moves the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission"), pursuant to R.C. 4903.221 and Rule 4901-1-11, Ohio Administrative Code, for leave to intervene in the above-captioned matter with the full powers and rights granted by the Commission, specifically by statute or by the provisions of the Ohio Administrative Code, to intervening parties.

On June 13, 2018, the Commission issued an entry seeking requests for proposals for an auditor to perform a review of the prudence of costs recovered through the Purchase Power Agreement. A redacted audit report was filed in this docket on August 8, 2019.

As demonstrated further in the Memorandum in Support attached hereto and incorporated herein, IEU-Ohio has a direct, real, and substantial interest in the issues and matters involved in the above-captioned proceeding, and is so situated that the disposition of this proceeding may, as a practical matter, impair or impede its ability to protect that interest. IEU-Ohio believes that its participation will not unduly prolong or delay this proceeding and that it will significantly contribute to the full development and

equitable resolution of the factual and other issues in the proceeding. The interests of IEU-Ohio will not be adequately represented by other parties to the proceeding and, as such, IEU-Ohio is entitled to intervene with the full powers and rights granted by the Commission, specifically by statute and by the provisions of the Ohio Administrative Code, to intervening parties.

Respectfully submitted,

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In support of this Motion to Intervene, IEU-Ohio states that it is an association of ultimate customers. A current listing of IEU-Ohio member companies is available on IEU-Ohio's website at <a href="http://www.ieu-ohio.org/member\_list.aspx">http://www.ieu-ohio.org/member\_list.aspx</a>. IEU-Ohio's members purchase substantial amounts of electric and related services from Ohio's electric distribution utilities ("EDUs"), including AEP Ohio. IEU-Ohio's members work together to address matters that affect the availability and price of utility services. Additionally, IEU-Ohio seeks to promote customer-driven policies that will assure an adequate, reliable, and efficient supply of energy for all consumers at competitive prices. To this end, IEU-Ohio has worked, including actively participating in the legislative process related to SB 221, and will continue to work to produce legislative, regulatory, and market outcomes that are consistent with the state policy contained in R.C. 4928.02.

IEU-Ohio has a real and substantial interest inasmuch as this proceeding may directly or indirectly impact the provision of electric service to IEU-Ohio members' manufacturing facilities. Specifically, IEU-Ohio's direct interest in this proceeding is the

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result of the effect that this proceeding shall have upon the price, adequacy, and reliability of the electric supply and related services from AEP Ohio.

Additionally, IEU-Ohio has participated in numerous cases addressing the legal merits of the purchase power agreement rider including the case in which the Commission established that an audit would be conducted of the rider. *In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company's Proposal to Entry into an Affiliate Power Purchase Agreement for Inclusion in the Power Purchase Agreement Rider*, Case Nos. 14-1693-EL-RDR, *et al.*, Motion to Intervene and Memorandum in Support of Industrial Energy Users-Ohio (Oct. 14, 2014) and Opinion and Order 89-90 (Mar. 31, 2016).

IEU-Ohio's participation will not unduly prolong or delay this proceeding and will significantly contribute to the full development and equitable resolution of the factual and other issues in the proceeding. To date no other party has sought intervention. Thus, the interests of IEU-Ohio will not be adequately represented by other parties to the proceeding and, as such, IEU-Ohio is entitled to intervene with the full powers and rights granted by the Commission, specifically by statute and by the provisions of the Ohio Administrative Code, to intervening parties.

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