BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company for Establishment Of Renewable Reasonable Arrangements With Multiple Non-Residential Customers.

Case No. 19-2037-EL-AEC

OHIO POWER COMPANY'S MEMORANDUM IN RESPONSE TO MOTION TO SUSPEND CASE DEADLINES

Pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-12(B)(1), Ohio Power Company ("AEP Ohio" or the "Company") hereby submits this memorandum in response to the Motion to Suspend the Case Deadlines filed on December 5, 2019 by the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC). For purposes of this response, AEP Ohio will ignore the OCC's rhetoric and otherwise inaccurate historical narrative. Instead, the Company will focus on responding to the substance of OCC's underlying procedural request.

In its Application in this case, the Company recited its efforts to minimize concerns and opposition to the underlying renewable projects and stated that it "continues to explore options that avoid utility ownership of the underlying renewable generation resource, avoid an affiliate renewable energy purchase agreement (REPA), and include the potential alternative to a nonbypassable charge." Application at 1. AEP Ohio stated that it intends to file an Amended Application to take the case forward upon finalizing the underlying reasonable arrangements with customers. *Id.* at 2. On that basis, the Company simply asks that interested parties reserve judgment on the proposal until the details are filed while fully preserving their ability to proceed at that time. In exchange, the Company has no reservations about agreeing to suspend the

procedural schedule until the Amended Application is filed and, to that extent, supports the procedural request made by OCC.

Respectfully submitted,

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