# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. for	)	Case No. 19-29-GA-ATA
Approval of a Tax Savings Credit Rider	)	

#### JOINT MOTION TO WAIVE TESTIMONY AND HEARING

In accordance with Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-12(A), Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. ("VEDO" or "the Company"), the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Staff"), and the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel ("OCC") (collectively, "Joint Movants") respectfully request that the Commission waive the requirement under Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-30(D) that parties that file a written stipulation must file or provide testimony of at least one signatory party that supports the stipulation. Further, the Joint Movants request that the Commission approve the Stipulation and Recommendation filed concurrently with this motion without a hearing. Good cause exists to grant this motion, which is set forth in the following memorandum in support.

## Respectfully submitted,

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## **MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT**

Concurrently with this Motion, Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. ("VEDO" or "the Company"), the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Staff"), and the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel ("OCC") (collectively, "Joint Movants") have filed a Stipulation and Recommendation that settles all but one issue in this proceeding. The Stipulation provides that the parties will seek a renewed procedural schedule to litigate and resolve that remaining issue at a later date.

Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-30(D) requires that parties to a stipulation file or provide testimony in support of that stipulation by at least one signatory party. The Joint Movants request that the Commission waive this requirement, and further request that the Commission approve the Stipulation without a hearing. The provisions in the Stipulation result in a rate decrease for customers and are supported by all parties to this proceeding. Other interested parties had more than 17 months to intervene in the proceeding but none intervened by the May 15, 2020 intervention deadline. The Joint Movants agree that the Stipulation passes the Commission's 3-part test governing consideration of stipulations. Finally, in light of the current COVID-19 emergency, the Joint Movants also agree that resources are being fully engaged elsewhere to respond to the emergency situation and that preparing testimony and conducting a hearing will add additional burden on the Joint Movants and will serve to delay approval of the Stipulation and the customer rate credits proposed herein.

Accordingly, the Joint Movants request that the Commission waive the requirement under Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-30(D) to provide testimony in support of a stipulation and that the Commission approve the Stipulation without a hearing.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

In accordance with Rule 4901-1-05, Ohio Administrative Code, the PUCO's e-filing system will electronically serve notice of the filing of this document upon the following parties. In addition, I hereby certify that a service copy of the foregoing Joint Motion to Waive Testimony and Hearing was sent by, or on behalf of, the undersigned counsel for Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. to the following parties of record this 28th day of May 2020, via electronic transmission.

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