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Re: *In the Matter of the gridSMART Phase 2 Rider for  
Ohio Power Company, Case No. 19-1029-EL-RDR*

Dear Ms. Troupe:

In this docket, Ohio Power Company (AEP Ohio) made four quarterly filings for 2019 under the gridSMART rider. After the December 2, 2020 Staff Report, AEP Ohio filed comments on February 5, 2021.

Through an Entry dated December 7, 2023, the Attorney Examiner established a comment deadline of January 8, 2024 and a reply comment deadline of January 22, 2024.

AEP Ohio hereby incorporates the Comments already filed in this docket on February 5, 2021, with one update. In the Staff's Review and Recommendation one of the recommendations was to recover a one-time fee charged by a vendor for commencement of a five-year contract for software services in equal annual amounts over a five-year period (the Staff's recommendation would have been completed by the end of 2023), this issue has become moot for the 2019 gridSMART costs.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Steven T. Nourse

cc: Parties of Record

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Summary: Comments Initial Comments electronically filed by Mr. Steven T. Nourse  
on behalf of Ohio Power Company.