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The Honorable Scott Farkas Attorney Examiner Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 E. Broad St., 12<sup>th</sup> Floor Columbus, OH 43215

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Re: Joint Request for Continuance 01-2334-TR-UNC

Exide Technologies, Inc.

Honorable Examiner Farkas:

The Staff and Exide Technologies Inc. (Exide) jointly respectfully request the March 20, 2003 hearing be continued to the week of April 21, 2003. The two sides have been working to stipulate to a number of the facts at issue in order to present an efficient hearing. The parties also request that we be able to use hearing room reserved for the March 20, 2003 hearing date for a settlement conference to narrow the issues. This letter is submitted on behalf of both the Staff and Exide.

Respectfully submitted,

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