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Docketing Division
The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Application of Monongahela Power
Company to Issue Debt Securities
Case No. 97-803- EL-AIS

Dear Docketing Division:

On August 27, 1997, The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio issued an order in the above styled case which authorized Monongahela Power Company ("Monongahela") to issue and sell up to \$200,000,000 of debt securities through August 31, 1998. Pursuant to the authority granted therein Monongahela has issued and sold during 1998:

1. \$17,500,000 of Pleasants County Commission (WV) Pollution Control Notes, 1998, Series D to redeem its then outstanding \$17,500,000 Pleasants County Commission (WV) Pollution Control Notes, 1977, Series A.
2. \$6,060,000 of its Greene County Industrial Development Authority (PA) Pollution Control Notes, 1998, Series B to redeem its then outstanding \$6,060,000 of Greene County Industrial Development Authority (PA) Pollution Control Notes, 1977, Series A.
3. \$19,100,000 of its Pleasants County Commission (WV), Preston County Commission, (WV), and Marion County Commission, (WV) Pollution Control Notes, 1998, Series C in the amounts of \$10,145,000, \$5,900,000 and \$3,055,000 respectively to redeem its then outstanding \$19,100,000 of Pleasants County Commission (WV), Preston County Commission (WV), and Marion County Commission (WV) Pollution Control Notes, 1988, Series B in a like amount for each County.

Because of current and expected market conditions for the remainder of 1998 and 1999, Monongahela desires to extend the unused authority to issue debt securities. Therefore, Monongahela hereby requests that the unused authority (\$157,340,000) currently scheduled to expire on August 31, 1998, be extended by the Commission to expire on December 31, 1999.

Sincerely yours,

Gary A. Jack
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