**BEFORE**

**THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

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| In the Matter of the Procurement of Standard Service Offer Generation as Part of the Fourth Electric Security Plan for Customers of Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and The Toledo Edison Company. | :::::: | Case No. 16-776-EL-UNC |

**MOTION FOR A PROTECTIVE ORDER
SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

 Comes now the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Staff) and requests that both the Report of the Commission’s Consultant Regarding FirstEnergy’s April 2016 Standard Service Offer Auction and the Notification of SSO CBP Auction Results be kept confidential pursuant to O.A.C. Rule 4901-1-24 for the reasons set forth in the attached memorandum in support.

Respectfully submitted,

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**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT**

 Staff requests that the Commission keep both the Report of the Commission’s Con­sultant Regarding FirstEnergy’s April 2016 Standard Service Offer Auction and the Notification of SSO CBP Auction Results confidential and that they not be publicly released. This information identifies the details of various bids and parties making the bids in the April 13, 2016 FirstEnergy auction. This information is highly competitively sensitive. Public disclosure of this information would be highly prejudicial to the bidding parties and to the viability of any future auction in Ohio. Keeping this material confi­dential is consistent with the Commission’s actions in prior auction matters. A redacted version of the Notification of SSO CBP Auction Results has been filed publicly in this docket.

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# **PROOF OF SERVICE**

I certify that a true copy of the foregoing **Motion for a Protective Order and Memorandum in Support** submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Public Utilities Com­mission of Ohio was served via electronic mail upon applicant’s counsel, James Burk, FirstEnergy Corporation, 76 South Main Street, Akron, Ohio, 44308, burkj@firstenergycorp.com, this 14th day of April, 2016.

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