**Before**

**The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio**

In the Matter of the Application for )

Establishment of a Reasonable ) Case No. 12-1494-EL-AEC

Arrangement Between ASHTA )

Chemicals Inc. and The Cleveland )

Electric Illuminating Company. )

# ****JOINT MOTION FOR A CONTINUANCE AND MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT****

SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF ASHTA CHEMICALS INC and PUCO STAFF

Pursuant to Rule 4901-1-13, Ohio Administrative Code, ASHTA Chemicals Inc. (“ASHTA”), and the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (“Staff”) respectfully request that the procedural schedule in this case be continued for the reasons set forth in the attached memorandum in support.

Respectfully submitted,

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**JOINT MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT**

Business and commercial matters of ASHTA as well as ongoing discussions with Staff necessitate the requesting of a continuance for additional time for preparation in this matter. The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio’s consideration of this case will be enhanced by a full exposition of all relevant matters. An extension of the procedural schedule will allow this to occur. ASHTA and Staff would, therefore, ask that the date for the filing of testimony be moved to April 17, 2013, and, the hearing moved to April 24, 2013. No party to the case has an objection to this procedural change.

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**Certificate of Service**

We hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing *Joint* *Motion for a Continuance and Memorandum In Support Submitted on Behalf of ASHTA Chemicals Inc. and PUCO Staff,* was served upon the following parties of record this 22nd day of February 2013, *via* electronic transmission.

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