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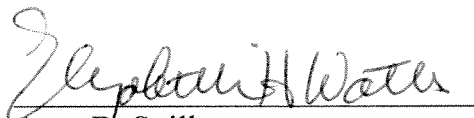
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of)
Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. to Adjust) Case No. 10-2326-GE-RDR
Rider DR-IM and Rider AU for 2010)
SmartGrid Costs and Mid-)
Deployment Review.)

**JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED RULING**

Now comes Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., together with the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy, The Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, Direct Energy Service, Inc. and Direct Energy Business Services, Inc., (collectively the Parties) and hereby moves the Commission for an extension of the procedural schedule in this matter. The reasons for this motion are forth in the accompanying Memorandum in Support.

Respectfully submitted,



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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

On June 30, 2011, Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke or the company) filed its annual application to adjust Riders DR-IM and AU to permit recovery of costs incurred in 2010 for deployment of the SmartGrid. Under the current procedural schedule, Staff and intervenor testimony is due on February 14, 2012, Duke's testimony is due on February 21, 2012, and the hearing is to commence on February 28, 2012.

The parties have continued to meet in recent weeks and continue to make progress toward a resolution of the issues. The parties believe that a settlement is possible if they are granted additional time to continue discussions. As a result, the parties collectively request that the current procedural schedule be delayed by an additional two weeks. The parties request that Staff and intervenor testimony be due on February 28, 2012 and that company testimony be due on March 6, 2012 with a hearing to commence on March 13, 2012.

For the foregoing reasons, the parties respectfully request that the Commission grant this Joint Motion to Extend Procedural Schedule.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of all
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