May 9, 2024

Tanowa Troupe, Secretary

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor

Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: PUCO Case No. 20-1502-EL-UNC, Marcum LLP’s April 29, 2024 Letter for Approval of a Change Order

Dear Ms. Troupe:

On April 29, 2024, auditor Marcum LLP, filed a request for a Change Order to increase the budget for the audit in this case. According to Marcum, “[t]he requested adjustment will translate to a budget increase of approximately $140,000, bringing total budgeted costs to $689,800.”

In the PUCO’s March 9, 2022 Entry issuing a Request for Proposal for audit services in this case, the PUCO made it clear that consumers would not be charged for the audit services. The Entry said that Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and The Toledo Edison Company shall “bear the costs of the audit services solicited in the RFP.” *See* March 9, 2022 Entry at para. 15.

If the PUCO approves Marcum’s request, it should reiterate that consumers will not be charged for the audit and the budget increase requested in the Change Order.

Best Regards,

*/s/ William J. Michael*

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cc: Parties of Record