**BEFORE**

**THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

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| In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for the Establishment of a Charge Pursuant to Revised Code Section 4909.18. | :::: | Case No. 12-2400-EL-UNC |
| In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Approval to Change Certain Accounting Methods.In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for the Approval of a Tariff for New Service. | :::::: | Case No. 12-2401-EL-AAMCase No. 12-2402-EL-ATA |

**MOTION FOR THE EXTENSION OF STAFF’S TESTIMONY DEADLINE
FILED ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF**

**THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

The Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (“Staff”), pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code 4901-1-13(A), respectfully requests a one-week extension of the testimony filing deadline for the filing deadline for the Staff granted at the March 7, 2013 prehearing in this matter. The reasons for this motion are set forth more fully in the attached memorandum.

Respectfully submitted,

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**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT**

 On August 29, 2012, Duke submitted an application for approval of a proposed charge in the above-captioned proceeding. At the March 7, 2013 prehearing, the Attorney Examiners adopted a procedural schedule setting a date for the filing of testimony and an evidentiary hearing as follows:

1. Testimony on behalf of Intervenors is to be filed by March 26, 2013.
2. Testimony on behalf of Staff is to be filed by April 2, 2013.
3. The evidentiary hearing is to begin on April 15, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

 For the reasons set forth below, Staff requests a one-week extension of its testimony filing deadline which would amend the procedural schedule as follows:

1. Testimony on behalf of Intervenors would be filed by March 26, 2013.
2. Testimony on behalf of Staff would be filed by April 9, 2013.
3. The evidentiary hearing would begin on April 15, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

Staff is not seeking an extension of the hearing date.

 On March 26, 2013, Staff retained a consultant to serve as a Staff witness in the case. Staff’s retained consultant has just begun today the analysis of Duke’s Application and the related documents. In order to complete a thorough analysis of Duke’s Application, Staff requires an additional week for the filing of its testimony.

Accordingly, Staff respectfully requests a ruling that the testimony filing deadline for Staff be extended one week to April 9, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

 I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Motion for the Extension of Staff’s Testimony Deadlinesubmitted on behalf of the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio was served by elec­tronic mail upon the following parties of record, this 26th day of March, 2013.

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