**BEFORE**

**THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

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| In the Matter of the Regulation of the Purchased Gas Adjustment Clauses Contained Within the Rate Schedules of :  Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corporation  Orwell Natural Gas Company and Related Matters. | :  :  :  :  :  :  : | Case No. 12-209-GA-GCR  Case No. 12-212-GA-GCR |

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**MOTION FOR EXTENSION SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

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**MOTION FOR EXTENSION AND**

**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT**

By Entry issued on January 23, 2012, the Commission directed its Staff to conduct audits of, among other companies, Northeast Ohio Natural Gas Corporation and Orwell Natural Gas Company (the companies) to examine the compliance of each under the gas cost recovery (GCR) mechanism delineated in O.A.C. 4901:1-14-07. The audit report for the above-captioned cases was to be submitted on or about December 20, 2012.

The Staff audit of these companies is still in progress. Logistical difficulties in obtaining and verifying information have precluded the Staff from meeting the audit deadline originally set by the Commission. Following discussions between respective counsel for the Staff, the companies and the Ohio Consumers’ Counsel, the Staff moves that a new deadline of February 28, 2013 be established for the Staff audit report to allow sufficient time for information exchange and review. The Staff further requests that these cases be set for hearing on April 30, 2013. Counsel for the companies and the Ohio Consumers’ Counsel have expressed their agreement with these new dates. Due to the passage of time, Staff requests an expedited ruling on this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing was submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Public Utilities Commis­sion of Ohio and,was served via electronic mail upon the fol­lowing parties of record, this 18thth day of January, 2013.

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