**BEFORE**

**THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

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| In the Matter of the Review of the Distribution Investment Rider Contained in the Tariff of Ohio Power Company. | :::: | Case No. 16-21-EL-RDR |

**MOTION FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE**

**FOR FILING THE AUDIT REPORT**

**SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF**

**THE PUBLIC UTLITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

The Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (“Staff”), pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code 4901-1-13(A), respectfully requests an extension of the July 15, 2016 audit-report-filing deadline. Staff respectfully requests that the deadline be moved to August 5, 2016. Staff contacted counsel for the Ohio Power Company and Ohio Consumers’ Counsel and they do not object to the extension. The reasons for this motion are set forth more fully in the attached memorandum.

 Respectfully submitted,

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**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT**

 By entry dated March 16, 2016, the Commission selected Blue Ridge Consulting to perform the audit consulting services in accordance with RFP No. RA16-CA-1. RFP No. RA16-CA-1 contains an audit-report deadline of July 15, 2016. Due to workload on the audit and summer schedules, Staff and Blue Ridge Consulting need additional time to file the audit report in this proceeding. Staff respectfully requests that the deadline be moved to August 5, 2016. Staff also contacted counsel for the Ohio Power Company and the Ohio Consumers’ Counsel and they do not object to the extension. Accordingly, Staff respectfully requests an extension as described above in order for it to properly review the Distribution Investment Rider contained in the tariff of Ohio Power Company.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

 The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the Motion for Exten­sion has been served upon the below-named counsel via electronic mail, this 21st day of June, 2016.

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