**BEFORE THE**

**THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

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| In the Matter of the Review of the Smart Grid Modernization Initiative Contained in the Tariffs of Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and The Toledo Edison Company | )  )  )  )  )  ) | Case No. 12-0406-EL-RDR |

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**THIRD STATUS UPDATE**

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On August 15, 2013, Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and The Toledo Edison Company (the “Companies”) moved for a stay of the procedural schedule in this matter, which was granted on August 19, 2013. In the Entry granting the stay, the Attorney Examiner requested that “an update on the status of the settlement discussions” be provided to the Attorney Examiner by August 30, 3013. Pursuant to this directive, the Companies filed a status report in which they indicated that they would provide a further update on or before September 30, 2013. This update was filed on September 30, 2013, with a request that to extend the stay and a commitment to file a further status update by October 31, 2013. Pursuant to this commitment, the Companies hereby submit this third status update to inform the Attorney Examiner that the parties met on October 24, 2013, and all parties agree that the discussions during said meeting were productive. The parties intend to meet in mid-November to continue such discussions. Accordingly, all parties agreed that a further stay of the procedural schedule is warranted.

Accordingly, the Companies ask that the stay of the procedural schedule remain in place, with the Companies providing another update on or before November 30, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that this Third Status Update submitted by Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company and The Toledo Edison Company was filed electronically with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Docketing Information System on this 31st day of October, 2013. A courtesy copy of this filing will also be sent via e-mail to all current parties of record.

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