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Amy Spiller, Counsel of Record

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| Re: | In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for an Increase in Gas Rates.  In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for Tariff Approval.  In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for Approval of an Alternative Rate Plan for Gas Distribution Service.  In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for Approval to Change Accounting Methods. | :  :  :  :  :  :  :  :  :  :  :  : | Case No. 12-1685-GA-AIR  Case No. 12-1686-GA-ATA  Case No. 12-1687-GA-AAM  Case No. 12-1688-GA-AAM |

Ms. Spiller:

As part of an application to increase rates, the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), requires that the applicant company include an executive summary of its management policies, practices and organization employed to meet the corporate goals determined by the board of directors and corporate officers. Section 4901-7, App. A, Ch. II (B)(9), OAC. In addition to this summary, the company must also address three staff-identified functional areas of management policies or practices. The staff must file a letter, within ten business days of the pre-filing notice, setting forth the functional areas that the utility must address.

Staff hereby selects two functional areas that Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke) must include in the applications to be filed in the above referenced cases. Duke shall provide the Standard Filing Requirements (SFR) information relating to Finance and Accounting, in the areas of accounting systems and financial reporting as provided in Section 4901-7, App. A, Ch. II (B)(9)(b)(ii), with a specific emphasis on the development and use of its cost allocation methodology and factors; and information technology, as provided in Section 4901-7, App. A, Ch. II (B)(9)(f)(ii).

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Parties of Record

# PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing lettersubmitted on behalf of the Staff of the Public Utilities Commis­sion of Ohio,was served via electronic mail upon the following parties of record this 20th day of June, 2012.

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