

September 9, 2013

Ms. Barcy F. McNeal, Secretary Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Case No. 13-1296-EL-USF, In the matter of the application of the Ohio Development Services Agency for an order approving adjustments to the Universal Service Fund Riders

Dear Ms. McNeal:

On September 6, 2013, Ohio Development Services Agency submitted a Joint Stipulation and Recommendation setting forth the agreement of the signatories to resolve issues raised in the Notice of Intent that initiated the proceeding. Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. is not a signatory to, nor does it oppose the Joint Stipulation and Recommendation. Counsel for Ohio Development Services Agency was authorized to state this on the record in the hearing held in this proceeding today. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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