**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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**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 file this Status Update to inform the Attorney Examiner that the parties met on August 28, 2013, wherein the Companies provided Commission Staff and the Office of the Ohio Consumers’ Counsel (“OCC”) with an update on the facts underlying the transactions in question in this matter. The parties agreed that the Companies would provide additional details over the next several weeks and that the parties would continue discussions thereafter with the goal of reaching a mutually agreeable settlement of all issues.

Counsel for both the Commission Staff and the OCC agree with the above representations.

Having complied with the directive, the Companies ask that the stay of the procedural schedule remain in place, with the Companies providing another update on or before September 30, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that this Status Update submitted by Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company and The Toledo Edison Company was filed electronically this 30th day of August, 2013, with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Docketing Information System. A courtesy copy of this filing will also be sent via e-mail to all current parties of record.

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