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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Attn: Docketing Division 13<sup>th</sup> Floor 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215-3793

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Re: Case No. 05-732-EL-MER, et al.

**Docketing Division:** 

Pursuant to the Stipulation approved in the Commission's Order on December 21, 2005, in the above-captioned case, Duke Energy Ohio agreed to provide credits to its electric and gas customers as a means of sharing net savings expected from the merger of its parent Cinergy Corp. with Duke Energy. The credits were to be provided during 2006 with a true-up provision.

On January 29, 2007, the Company filed a letter with the Commission indicating that at the end of 2006, Duke Energy Ohio had not provided credits in the full amount agreed to in the Stipulation. In that letter filing, the Company recommended that the Commission allow the Company to provide additional credits during the March 2007 billing cycle to both electric and gas customers such that, based on projected sales, it would credit all of the remaining balance by the end of March 2007.

In its entry, dated February 28, 2007, the Commission approved the Company's proposal to provide the additional credits but added a provision that the Company "file a report with the Commission detailing the actual amount credited to retail customers during the March billing cycle. Based on that report, the Commission may require [D]uke to make a subsequent filing for Commission consideration."

Per the Commission's request, the Company submits the attached document detailing the amount of merger credits actually provided to customers during the March 2007 billing cycle. As indicated on the attachment, the credits provided to customers in March 2007, plus the credits provided for calendar year 2006, are slightly greater than the amounts agreed to in the Stipulation. For electric customers, Duke Energy Ohio has provided a total of \$31,669,671 in merger credits, approximately \$51,671 more than the \$31,618,000 agreed to in the Stipulation. Similarly, for gas customers, a total of \$4,327,610 in merger credits were actually provided to customers which was \$159,910 more than the \$4,167,700 agreed to in the Stipulation.

Although the Company actually provided more merger credits than were agreed to in the Stipulation, we request that the Commission allow the Company eliminate the merger credit riders (Rider RSS, MSR-E, and MSR-G) without any further true-up. The magnitude of the over-credited amount is *de minimis* for both gas and electric, and the Company will absorb the excess credits and will not seek additional true-ups for these amounts.

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The Company will make all of the data used in the attached calculations available to the parties in the above-captioned case on request.

Please time-stamp the enclosed extra copies of this document and attachment and return for our file. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Don Wathen, Jr.

Director, Revenue Requirements

Enclosure

## DUKE ENERGY OHIO CALCULATION OF ELECTRIC AND GAS MERGER TRUE-UP CREDITS

March 2007 True-Up Rider MSR-E Forecasted March Merger Savings Actual Billed March 2007 2007 kWh (1) **Customer Group** Sharing Credits Difference S/kWh Billed Credits Difference (c)=(a)-(b) (e)=(c)+(f) (g)=(c)-(f) \$ Residential - RS, CUR, ORH, TD \$10,246,776 \$9,737,996 \$508,780 622,963,000 0.000817 \$ 544,632 (35,852)Non-Residential \$6,129,724 \$5,885,119 \$244,605 1,113,928,000 0.000220 \$ 235,434 \$ 9,171 Total \$16,376,500 \$15,623,115 \$753,385 1,736,891,000 780,066 \$ (26,681)Customer Group Rider RSS Residential - RS, CUR, ORH, TD \$9,536,607 \$9,038,479 \$498,128 622,963,000 0.000800\$ 533 338 \$ (35,210)Non-Residential \$5,704,893 \$5,439,906 \$264,987 1,113,928,000 0.000238 \$ 254 767 \$ 10,220 Total \$15,241,500 \$14,478,385 \$763,115 1,736,891,000 (24,990)788,105 **Customer Group Total Electric Merger Credits** (71,062)Residential - RS, CUR, ORH, TD \$19,783,383 \$18,776,475 \$1,006,908 1,077,970 \$ Non-Residential \$11,834,617 \$11,325,025 \$509.592 490,201 \$ 19,391 Total \$31.618.000 \$30,101,500 \$1,516,500 1,568,171 (5<u>1,671)</u> Rider MSR-G Forecasted March Merger Savings **Actual Billed** March 2007 2007 MCF (a) \$/CCF **Customer Group** Sharing Credits Difference **Billed Credits** Difference Residential / Residential Transportation \$3,220,798 \$2,769,963 0.0101 (164,660)\$450,835 4,461,118 \$ 615,495 \$666,659 0.0038 2,105 General Service / Firm Transportation \$788,529 \$121,870 3,228,554 S 119,765 \$ \$130,146 \$28,227 0.0017 2,645 Interruptible Transportation \$158,373 1.645.914 S 25,582 Total \$4,167,700 \$3,566,768 \$600,932 9,335,586 760,842 (159,910)

Note: (1) Projected kWh and MCF are based on projections of sales, at the meter, for March 2007 included in the 2007 Official Budget.