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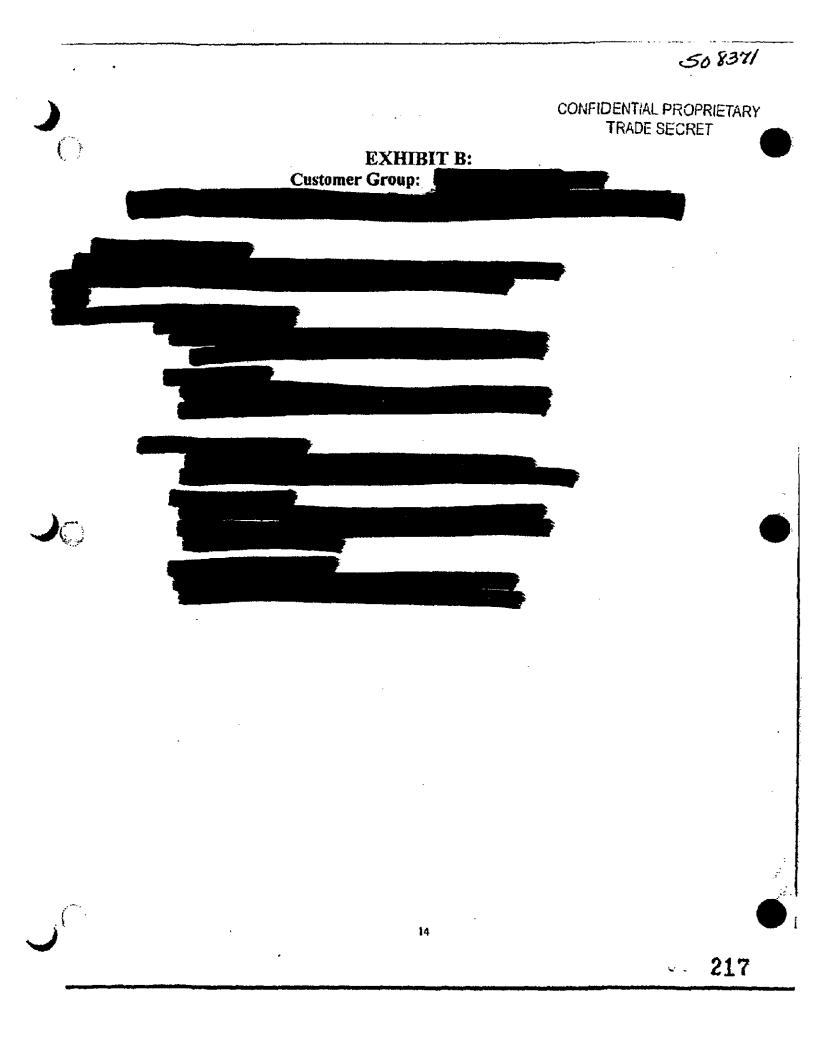
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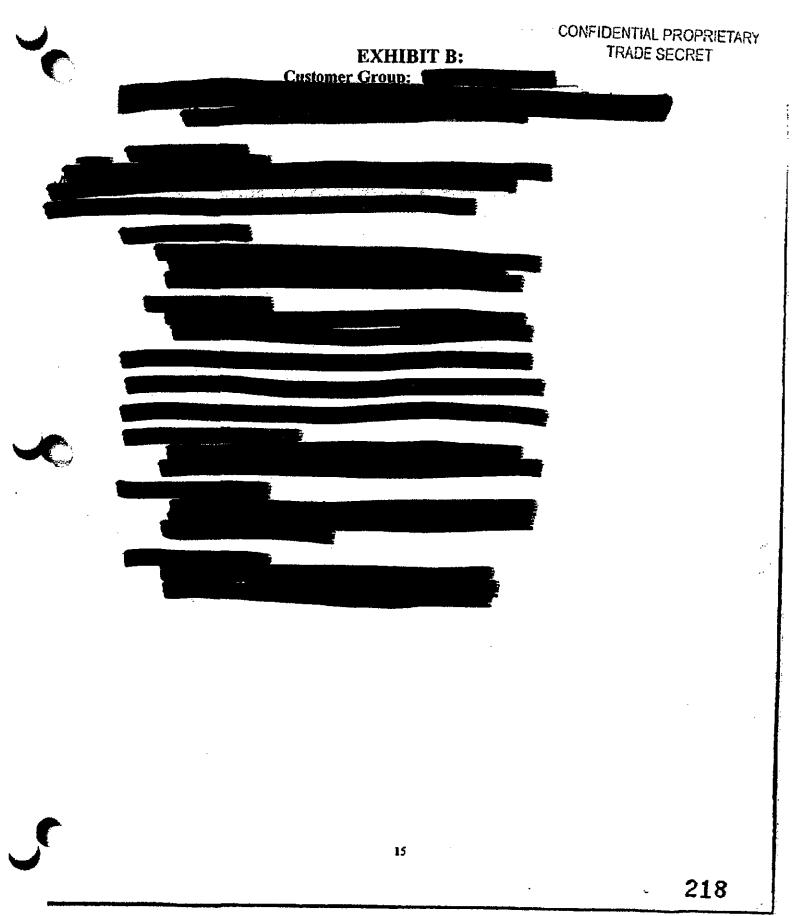
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#### **OPTION AGREEMENT**

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#### BY AND BETWEEN

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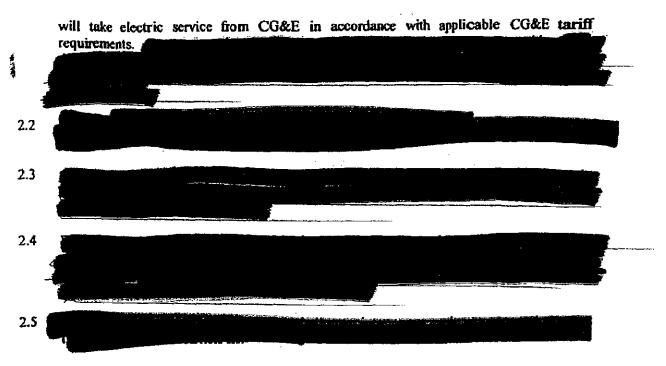
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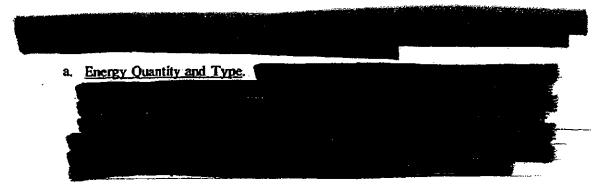
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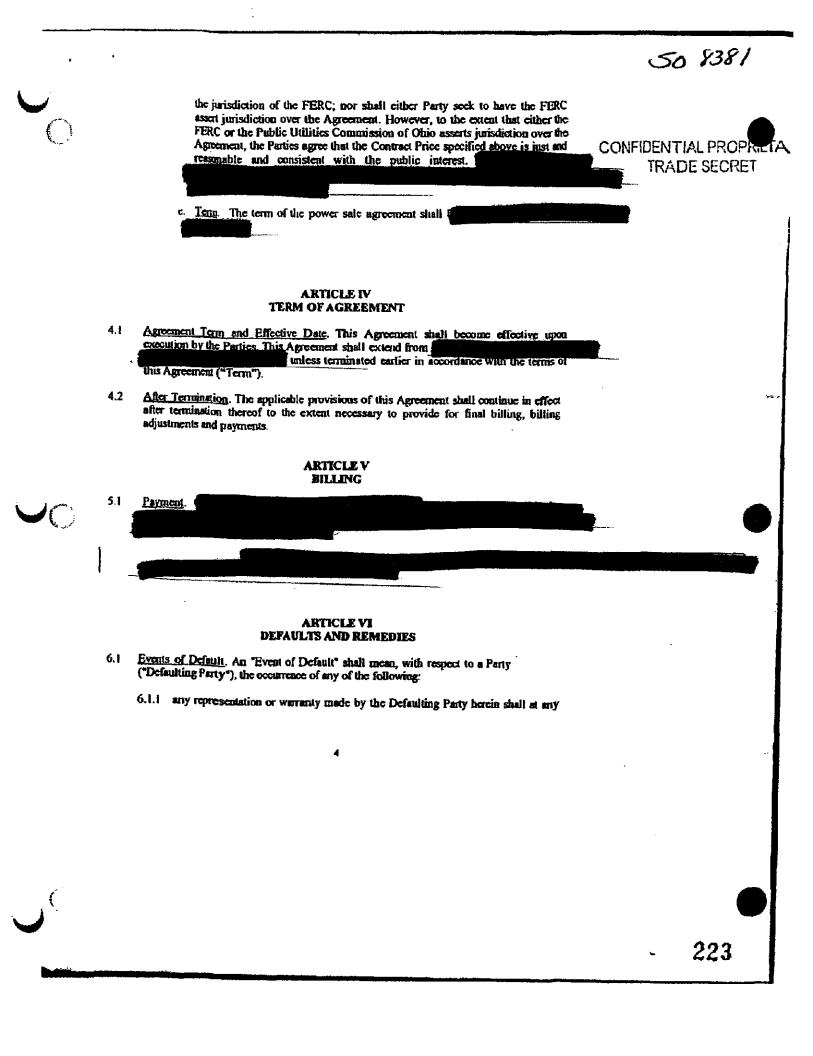
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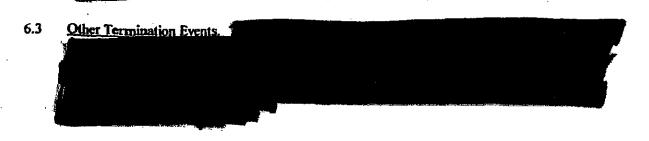
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Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties may cancel or terminate this Agreement in accordance with its terms and conditions without being required to follow the procedures set forth in this Article.

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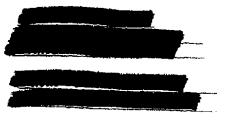
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To CRS:



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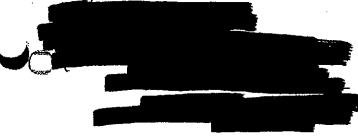
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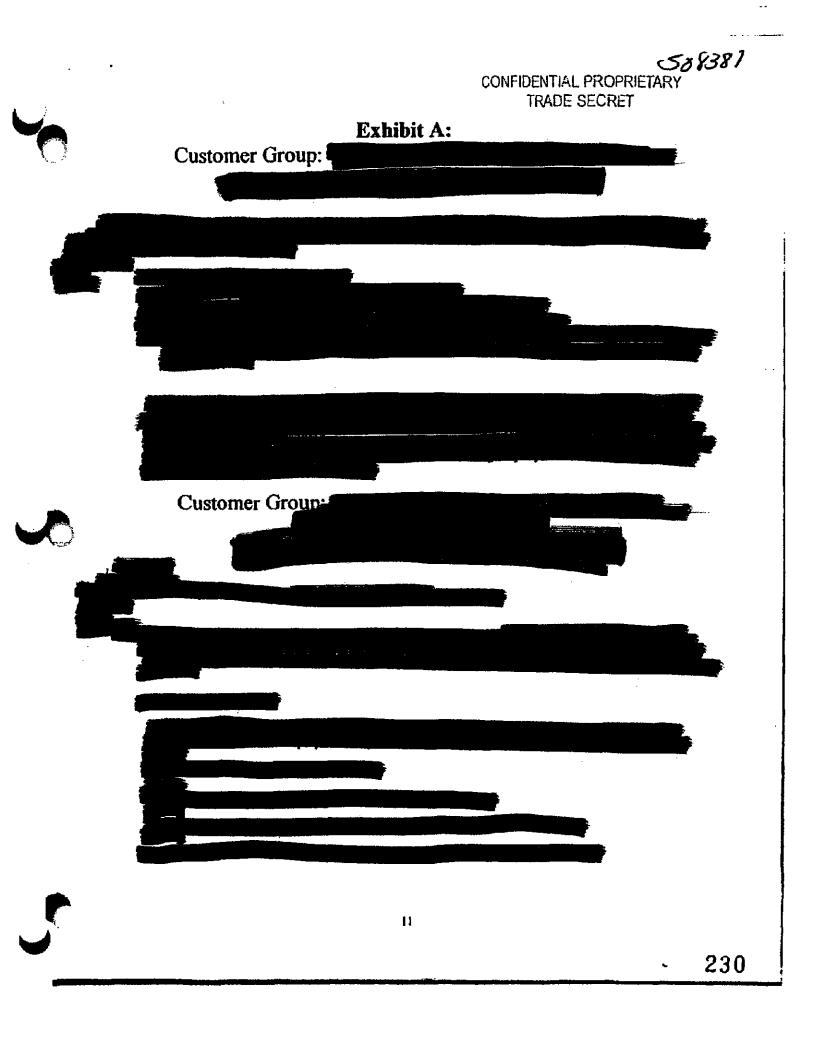
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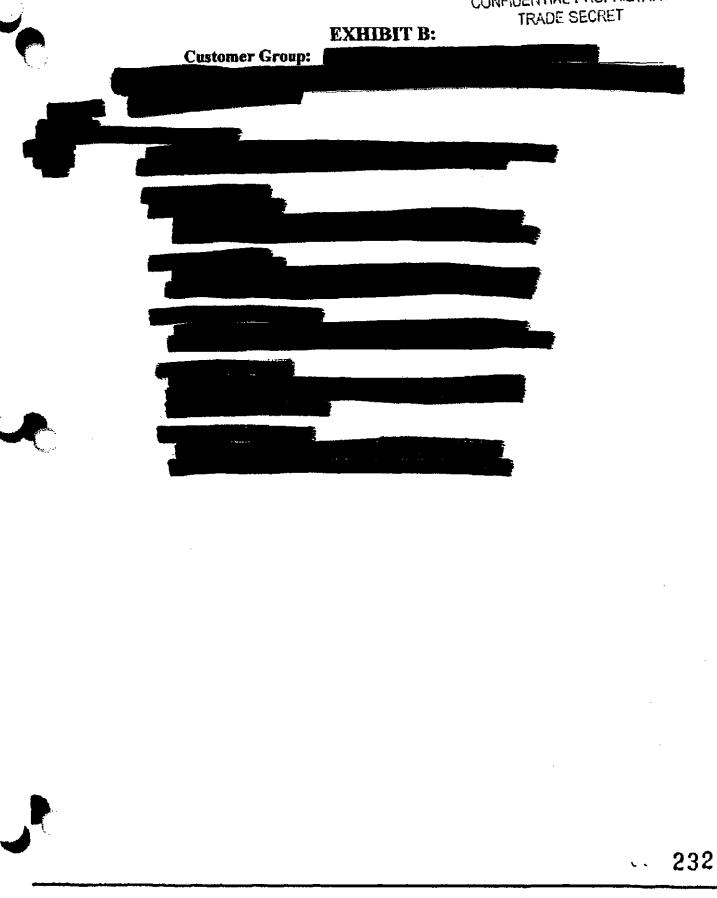


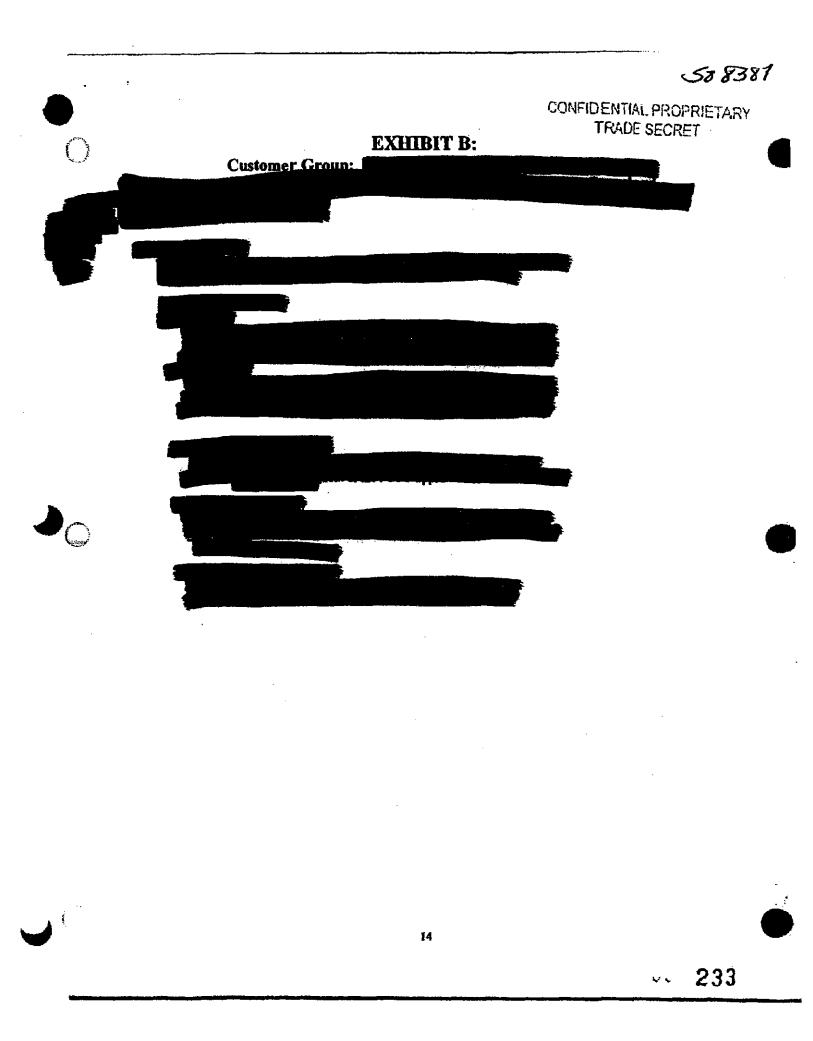
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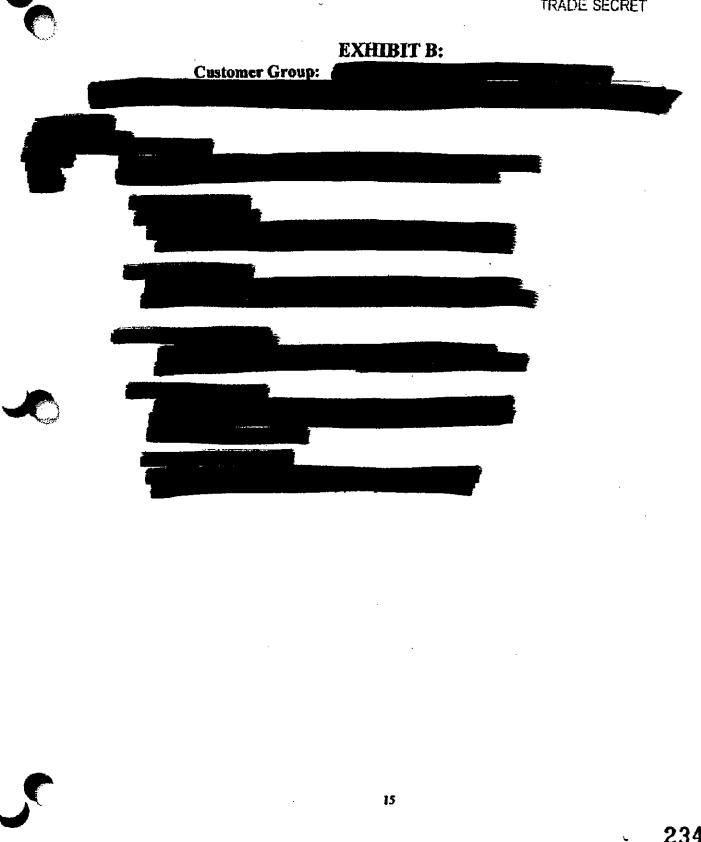
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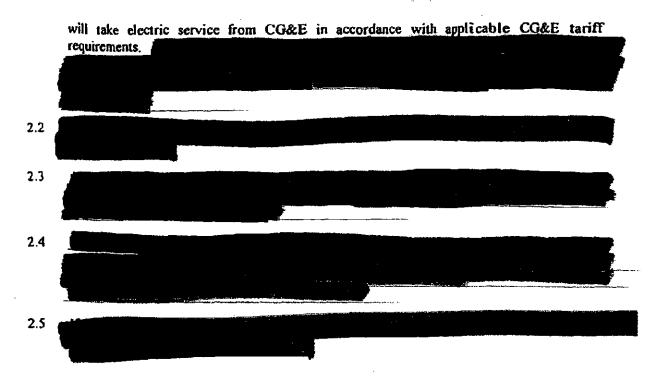
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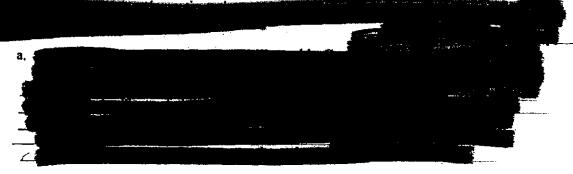
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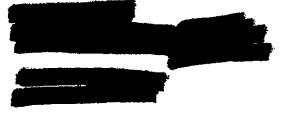
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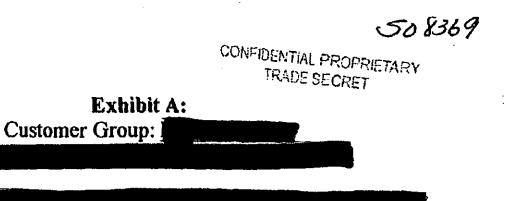


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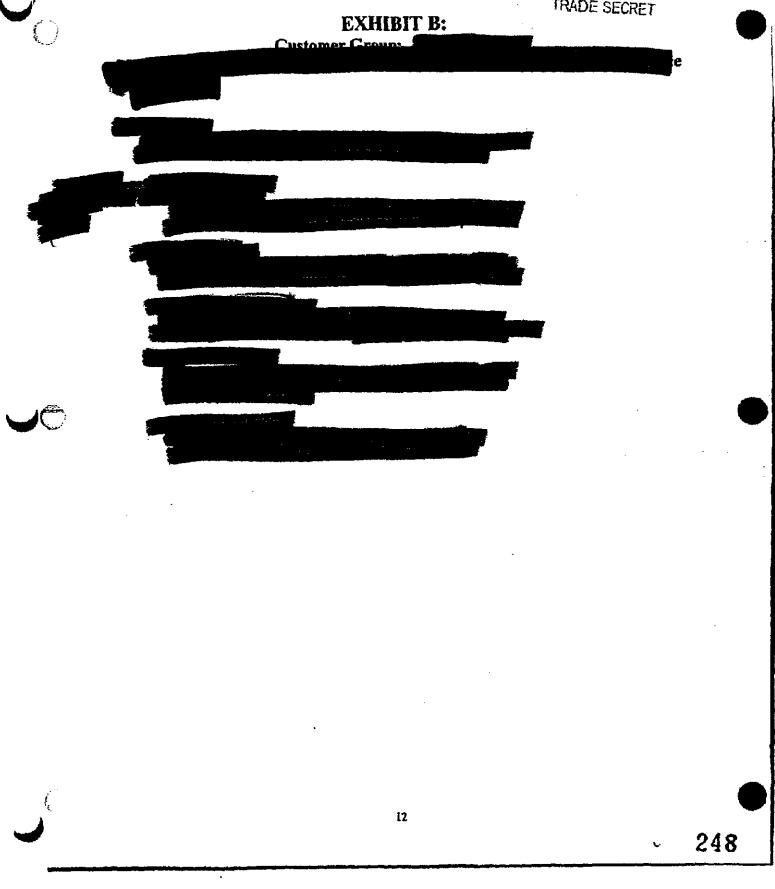
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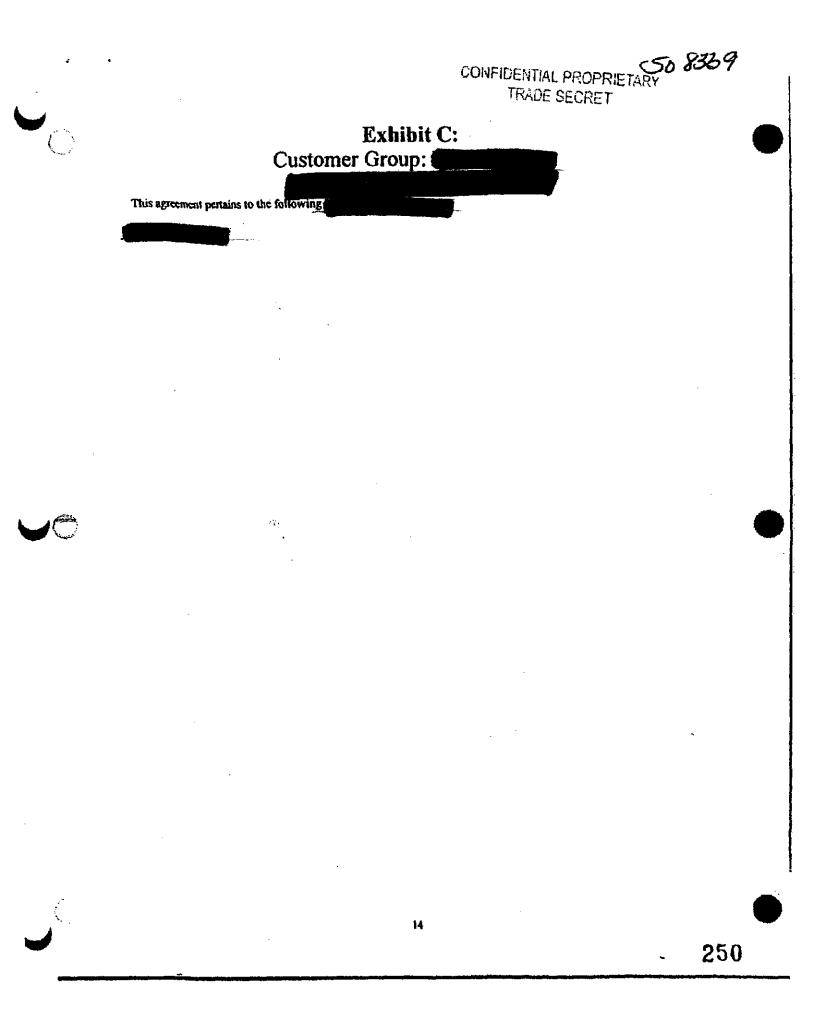
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This Option Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into as of this provide day of the "Effective Date") by and between Cinergy Retail Sales, LLC ("CRS") a Delaware limited liability company, and company and company of collectively the "Parties").

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WHEREAS, CRS and Counterparty desire to establish terms and condition for this option.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

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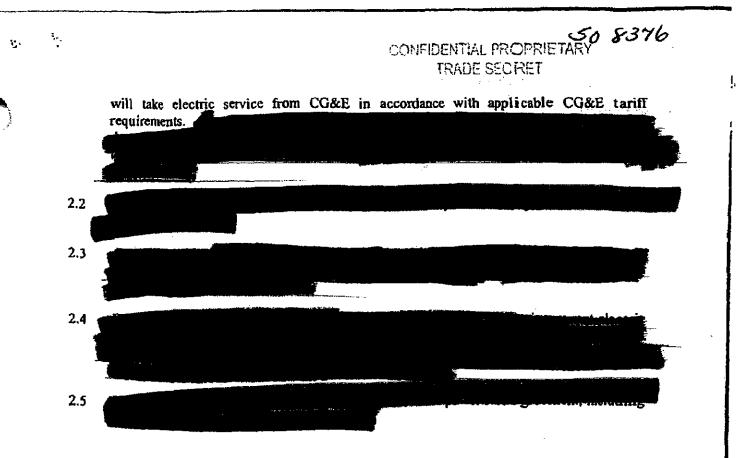
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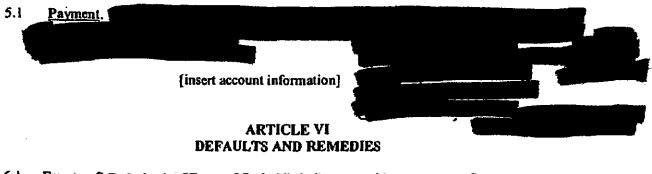
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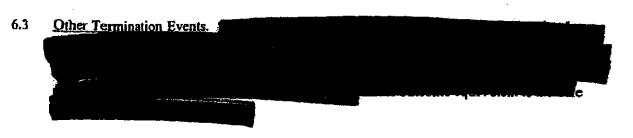
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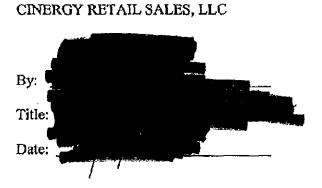
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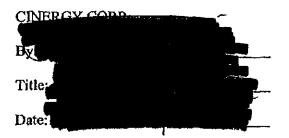
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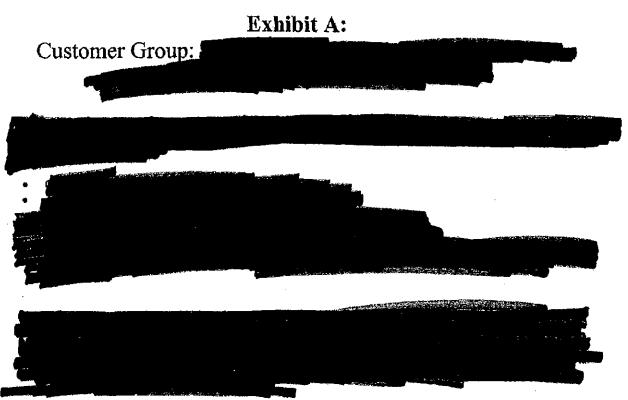
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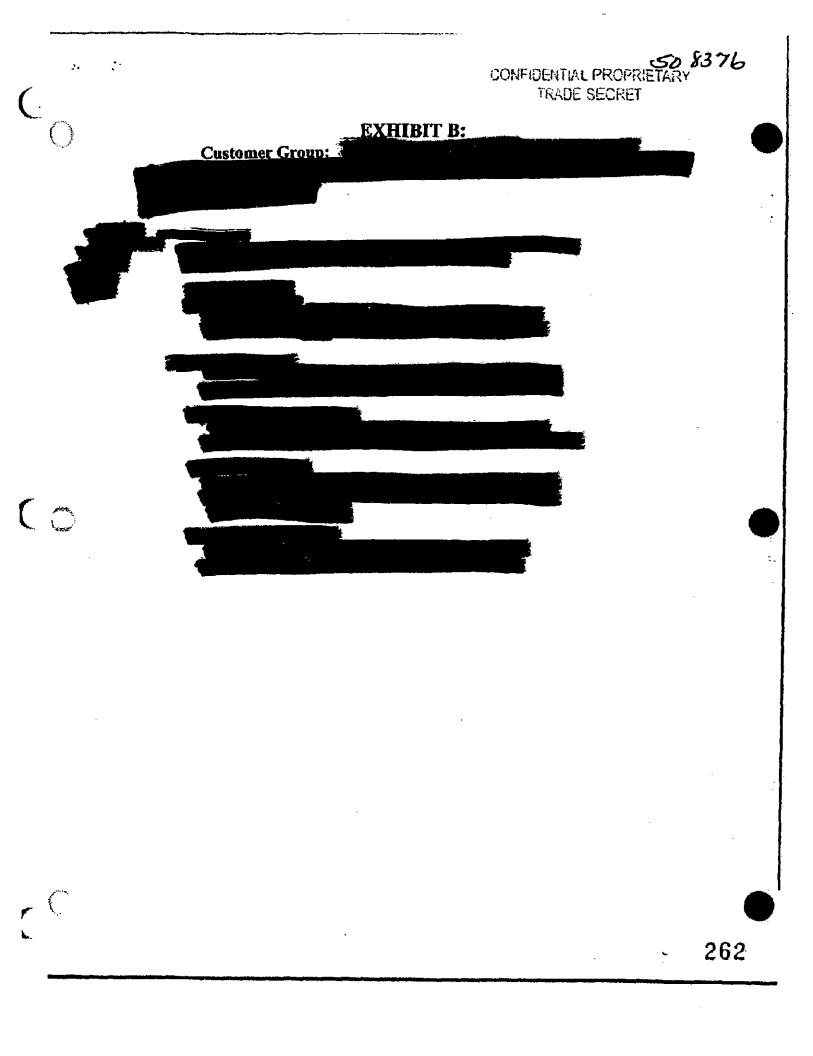
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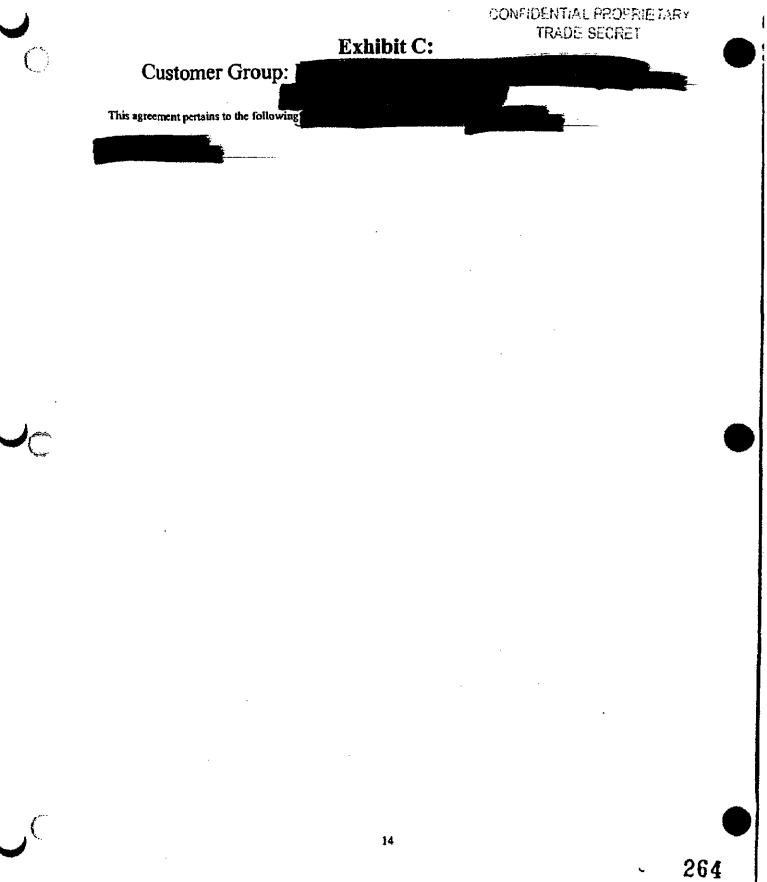
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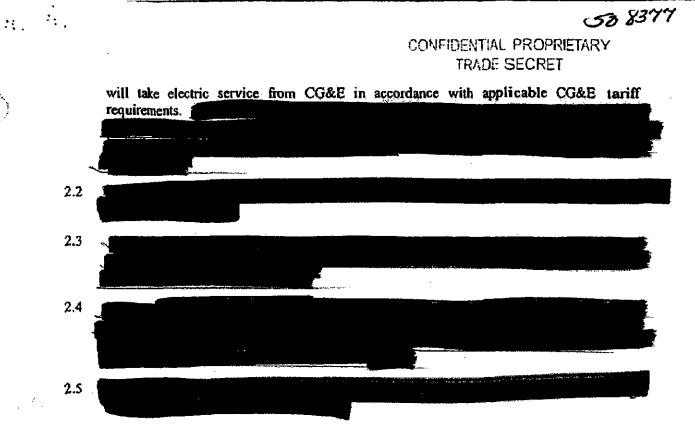
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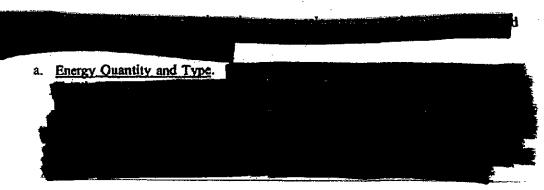
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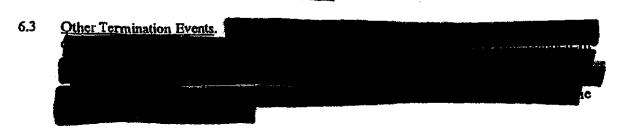
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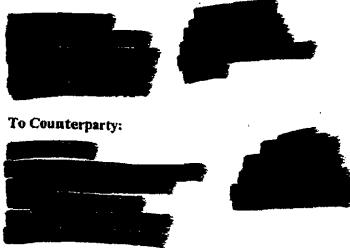
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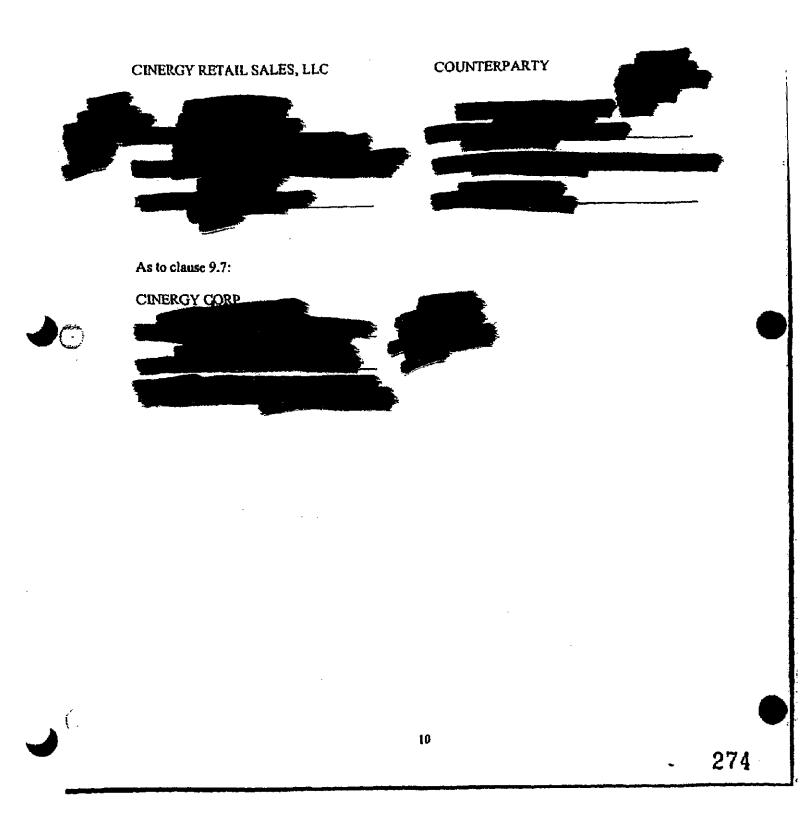
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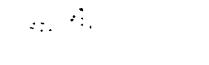
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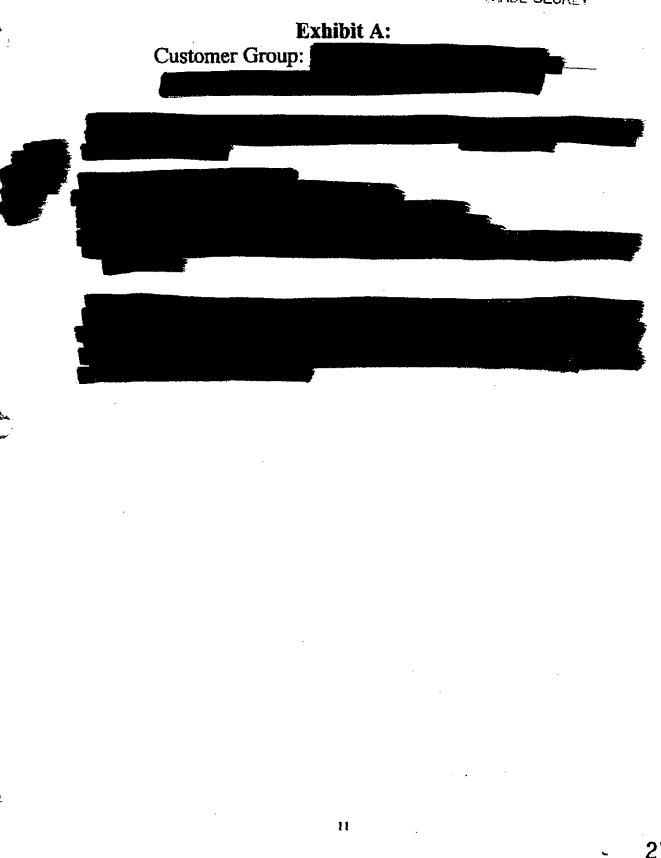
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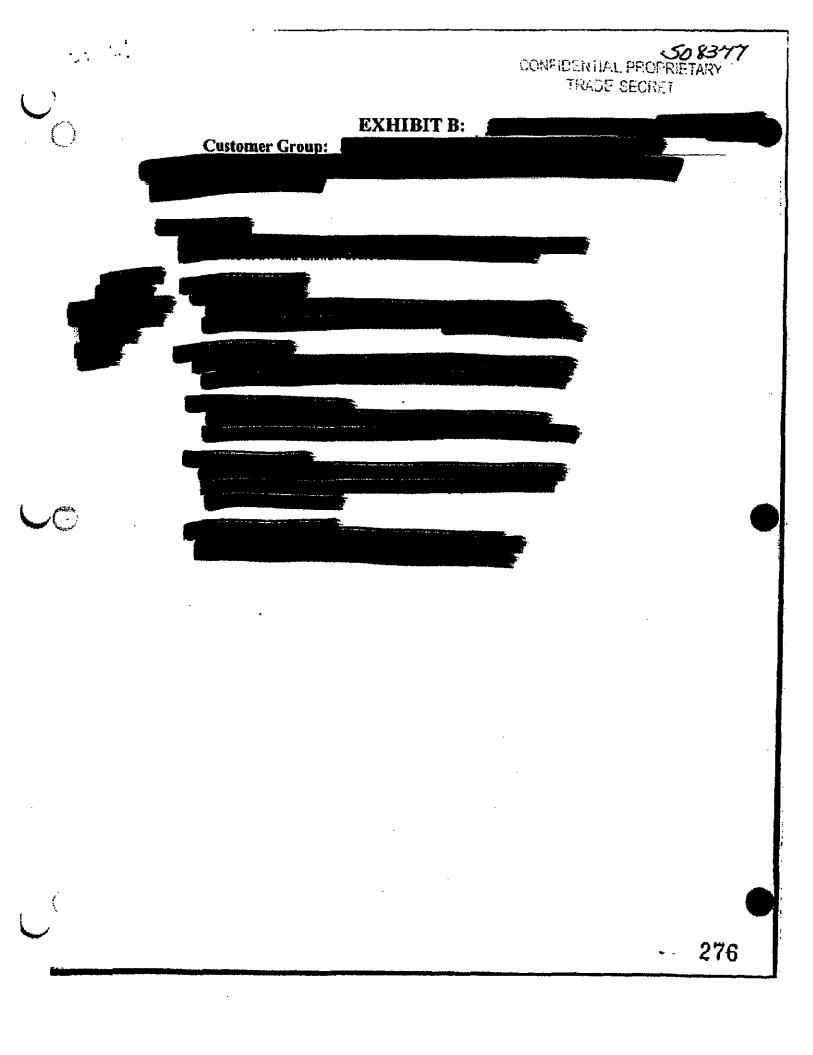


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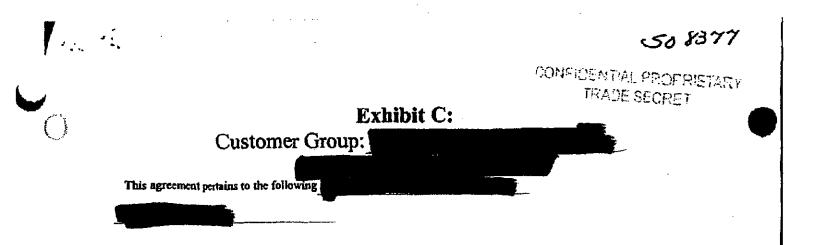


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#### **OPTION AGREEMENT**

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#### BY AND BETWEEN

#### CINERGY RETAIL SALES, LLC

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This Option Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into as of this the second s

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#### WHEREAS,

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and is located within the retail delivery service territory of The Cincinnati Gas & Electric Company ("CG&E").

WHEREAS, CRS has been certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio as a Certified Retail Electric Supplier ("CRES") and has the authority to engage in the sale of electrical power at retail;

WHEREAS, CRS and Counterparty desire to establish terms and condition for this option.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

#### ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

The following definitions and any terms defined in this Agreement shall apply hereunder.

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"<u>Capacity</u>" has the meaning set forth in any Transmission Provider's tariff or MISO's transmission tariff, as amended from time to time, or as defined in any transmission tariff of a successor to MISO.

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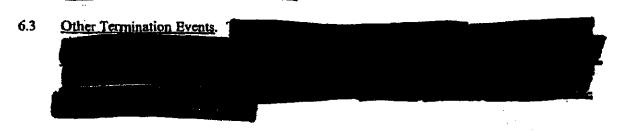
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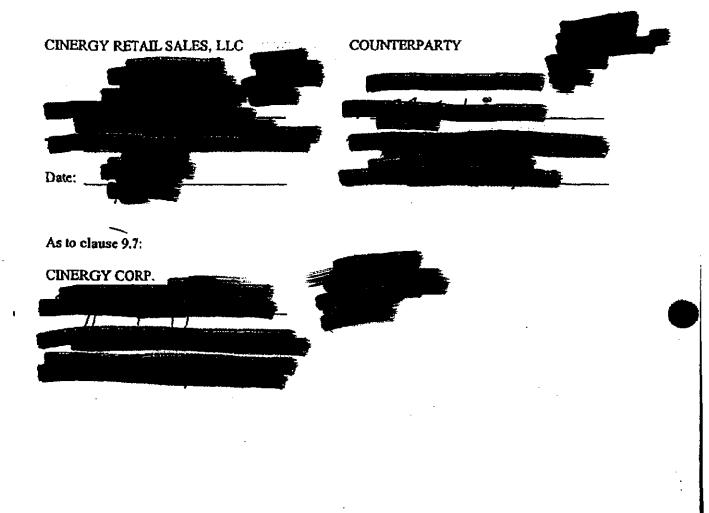


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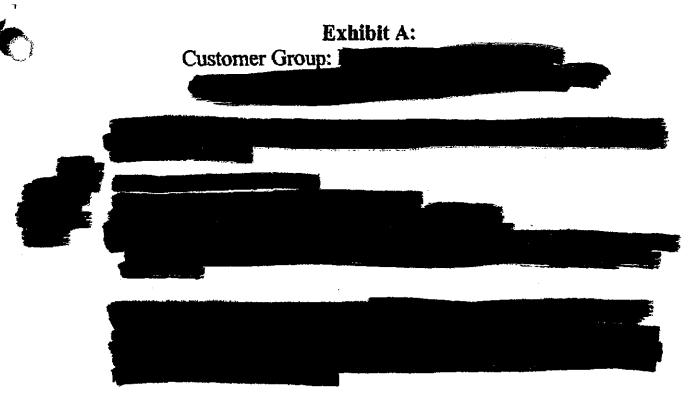


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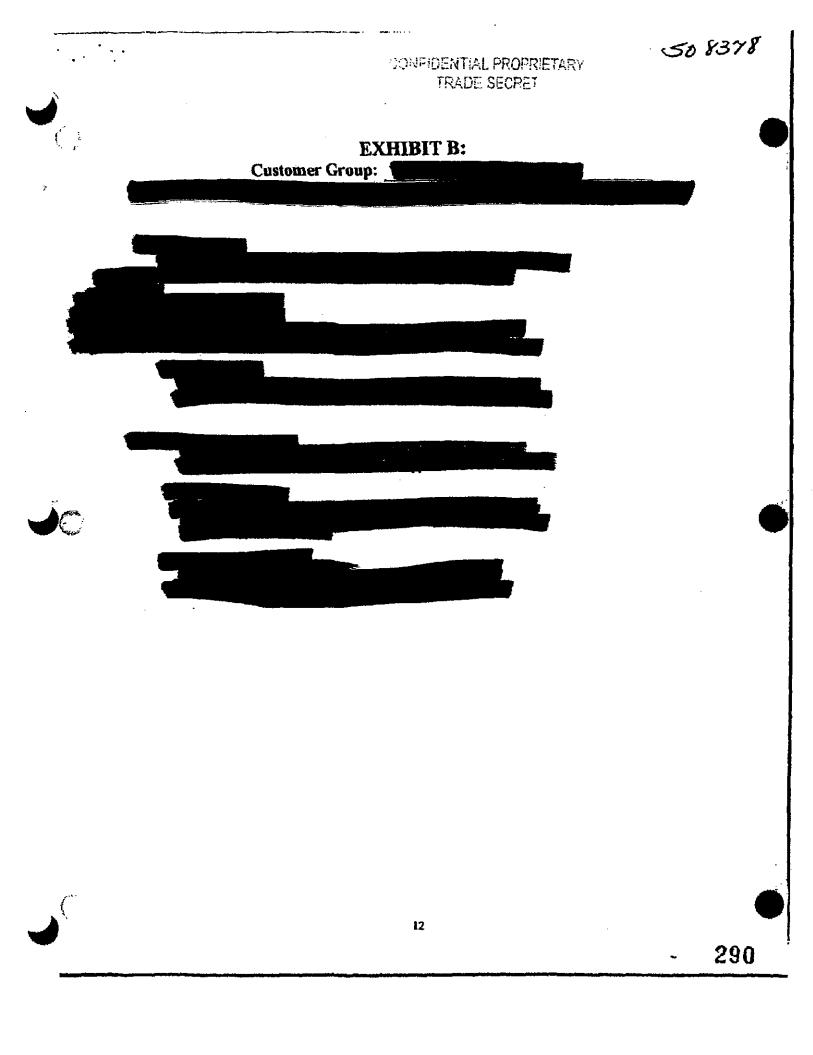


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#### **OPTION AGREEMENT**

#### BY AND BETWEEN

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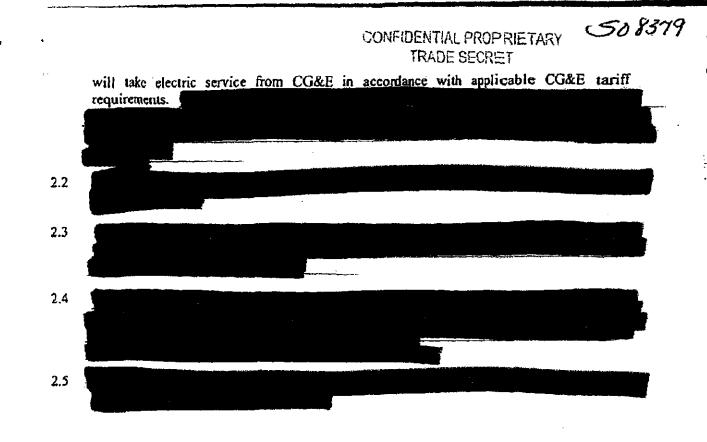
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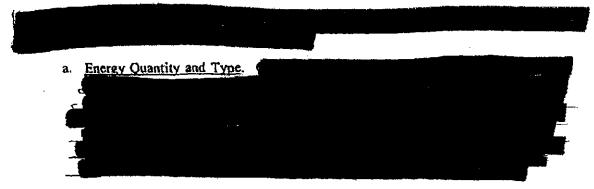
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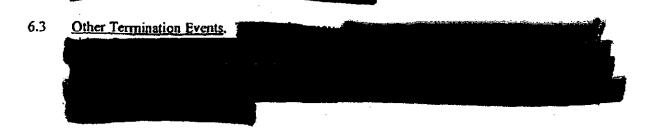
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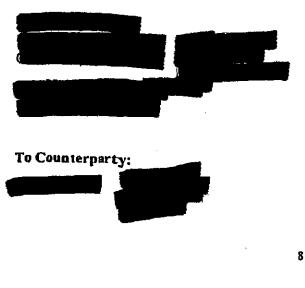
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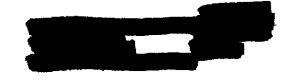
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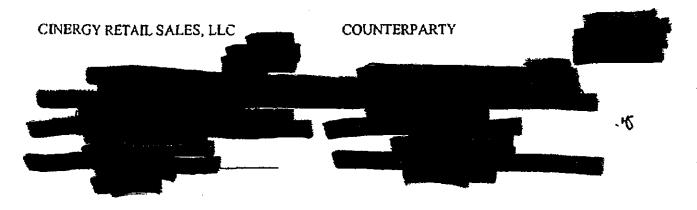


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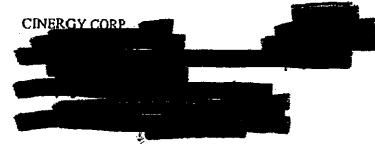
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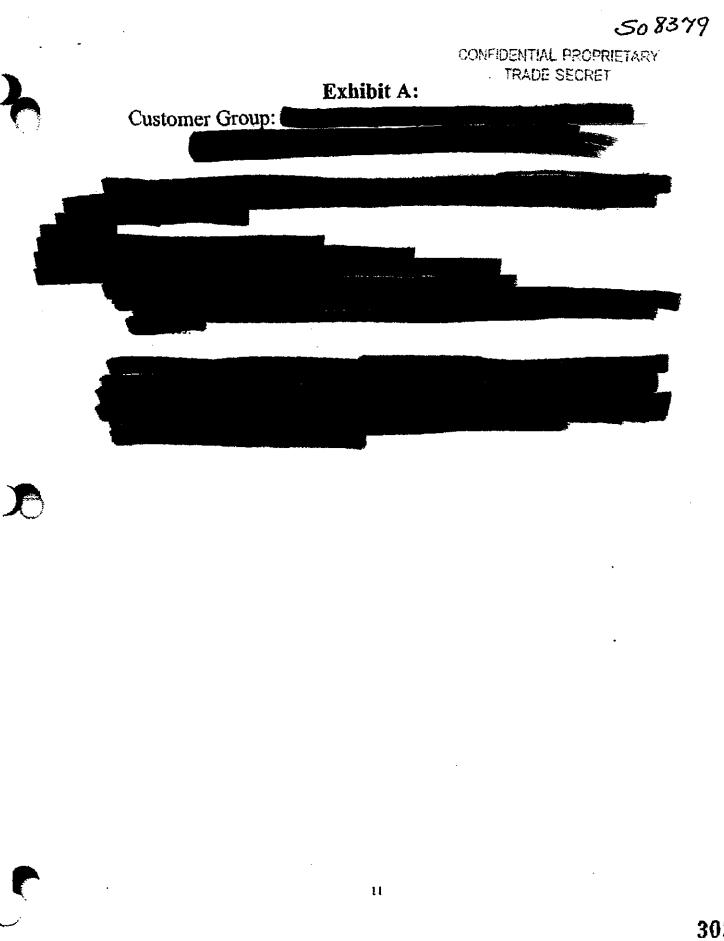
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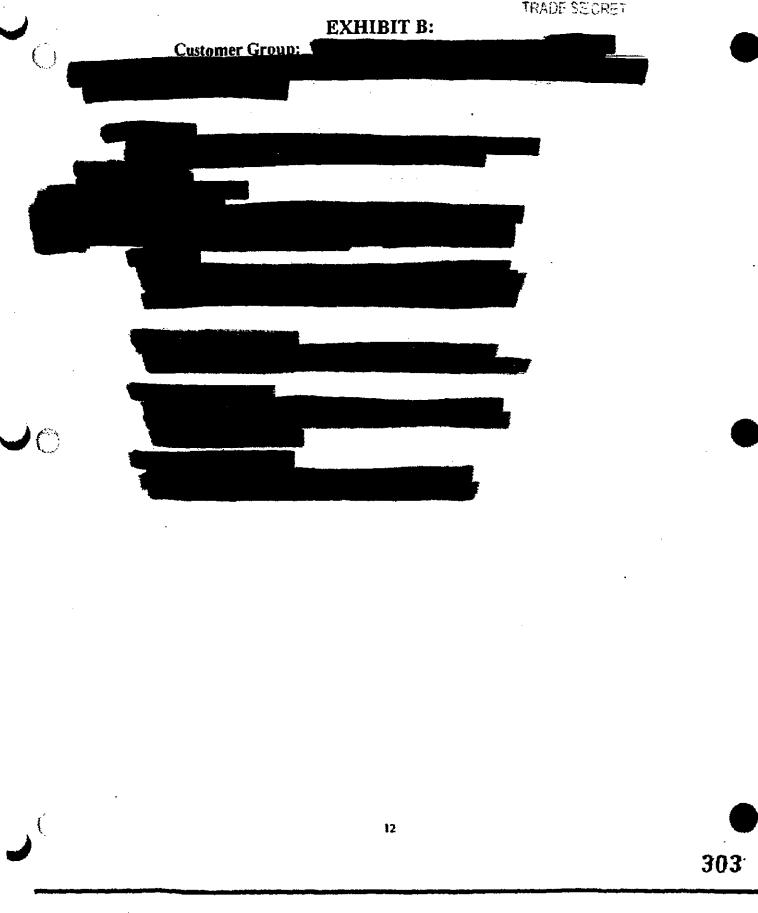
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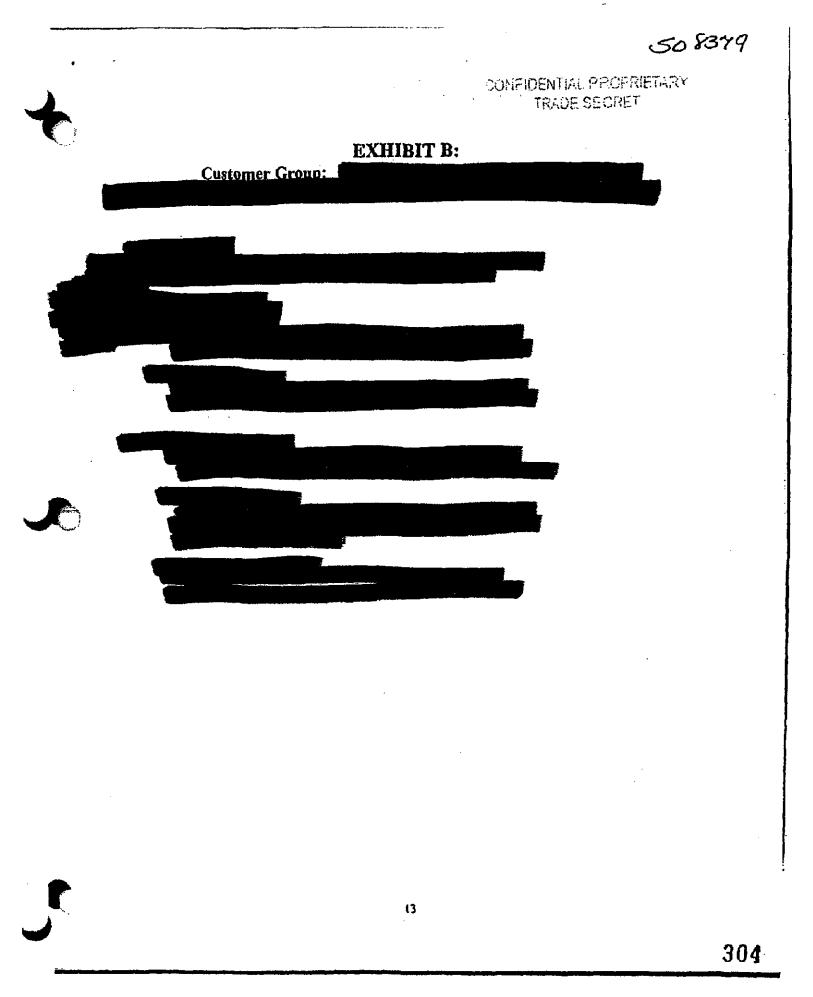


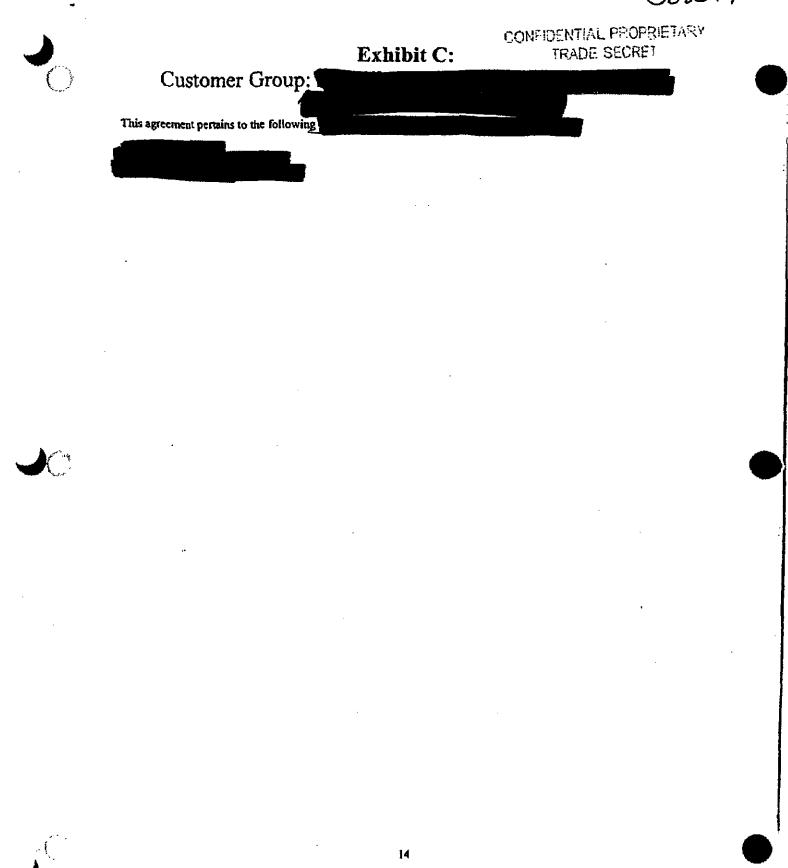
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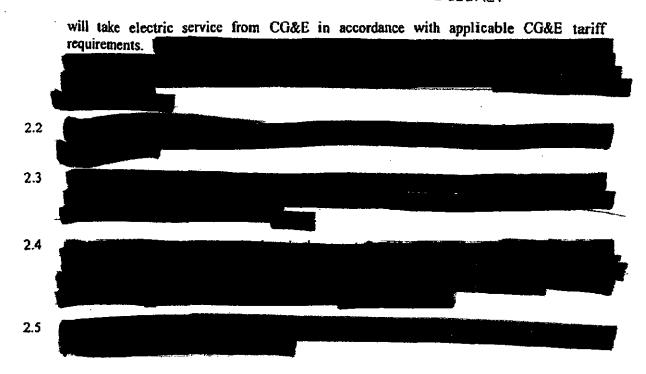
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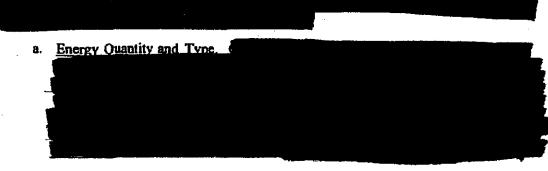
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MEASURE OF DAMAGES IS PROVIDED, SUCH EXPRESS REMEDY OR MEASURE OF DAMAGES SHALL BE THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY. THE OBLIGOR'S LIABILITY SHALL BE LIMITED AS SET FORTH IN SUCH PROVISION AND ALL OTHER REMEDIES OR DAMAGES AT LAW OR IN EQUITY ARE WAIVED. IF NO REMEDY OR MEASURE OF DAMAGES IS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED HEREIN, THE OBLIGOR'S LIABILITY SHALL BE LIMITED TO DIRECT ACTUAL DAMAGES ONLY, SUCH DIRECT ACTUAL DAMAGES SHALL BE THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY AND ALL OTHER REMEDIES OR DAMAGES AT LAW OR IN EQUITY ARE WAIVED, UNLESS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED HEREIN, NEITHER PARTY SHALL BE LIABLE FOR ANY CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, PUNITIVE, EXEMPLARY OR INDIRECT DAMAGES, LOST PROFITS OR OTHER BUSINESS INTERRUPTION DAMAGES. BY STATUTE, IN TORT OR CONTRACT, UNDER ANY INDEMNITY PROVISION OR OTHERWISE. IT IS THE INTENT OF THE PARTIES THAT THE LIMITATIONS HEREIN IMPOSED ON REMEDIES AND THE MEASURE OF DAMAGES BE WITHOUT REGARD TO THE CAUSE OR CAUSES RELATED THERETO. INCLUDING THE NEGLIGENCE OF ANY PARTY, WHETHER SUCH NEGLIGENCE IS SOLE, JOINT OR CONCURRENT, OR ACTIVE OR PASSIVE. TO THE EXTENT ANY DAMAGES REQUIRED TO BE PAID HEREUNDER ARE LIQUIDATED, THE PARTIES ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE DAMAGES ARE DIFFICULT OR IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE, OTHERWISE OBTAINING AN ADEQUATE REMEDY IS INCONVENIENT AND THE LIQUIDATED DAMAGES CONSTITUTE A REASONABLE APPROXIMATION OF THE HARM OR LOSS.

7.2 <u>Duty to Mitigate</u>. Each Party agrees that it has a duty to mitigate damages and covenants that it will use commercially reasonable efforts to minimize any damages it may incur as a result of the other Party's performance or non-performance of this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE VIII GOVERNING LAW - DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 8.1 <u>Governing Law and Jurisdiction</u>. THIS AGREEMENT AND THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE PARTIES HEREUNDER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED, ENFORCED AND PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO AND SHALL BE BROUGHT IN THE STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS LOCATED IN HAMILTON COUNTY OHIO.
- 8.2 <u>Dispute Resolution</u>. Any claim, controversy or dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement, or the breach thereof, shall be resolved fully and finally by binding arbitration under the Commercial Rules, but not the administration, of the American Arbitration Association, except to the extent that the Commercial Rules conflict with this provision, in which event, this Agreement shall control. This arbitration provision shall not limit the right of either Party prior to or during any such dispute to seek, use, and employ ancillary, or preliminary or permanent rights and/or remedies, judicial or otherwise, for the purposes

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maintaining the status quo until such time as the arbitration award is rendered of the dispute is otherwise resolved. The arbitration shall be conducted in Cincinnati, Ohio and the laws of Ohio shall govern the construction and interpretation of this Agreement, except to provisions related to conflict of laws. Within ten (10) Business Days of service of a Demand for Arbitration, the parties may agree upon a sole arbitrator, or if a sole arbitrator cannot be agreed upon, a panel of three arbitrators shall be named. One arbitrator shall be selected by CRS and one shall be selected by Buyer. A knowledgeable, disinterested and impartial arbitrator shall be selected by the two arbitrators so appointed by the parties. If the arbitrators appointed by the parties cannot agree upon the third arbitrator within ten (10) Business Days, then either Party may apply to any judge in any court of competent jurisdiction for appointment of the third arbitrator. There shall be no discovery during the arbitration other than the exchange of information that is provided to the arbitrator(s) by the Parties. The arbitrator(s) shall have the authority only to award equitable relief and compensatory damages, and shall not have the authority to award punitive damages or other non-compensatory damages. The decision of the arbitrator(s) shall be rendered within sixty (60) Business Days after the date of the selection of the arbitrator(s) or within such period as the Parties may otherwise agree. Each Party shall be responsible for the fees, expenses and costs incurred by the arbitrator appointed by each Party, and the fees, expenses and costs of the third arbitrator (or single arbitrator) shall be borne equally by the Parties. The decision of the arbitrator(s) shall be final and binding and may not be appealed. Any Party may apply to any court having jurisdiction to enforce the decision of the arbitrator(s) and to obtain a judgment thereon.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties may cancel or terminate this Agreement in accordance with its terms and conditions without being required to follow the procedures set forth in this Article.

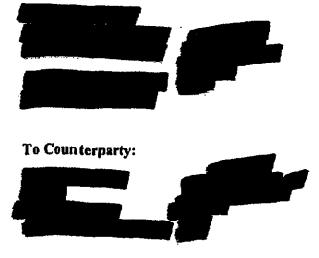
#### ARTICLE IX MISCELLANEOUS

9.1 <u>Representations and Warranties.</u> On the Effective Date and on the date of entering into this Agreement, each Party represents and warrants to the other Party that: (a) it is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its formation and is qualified to conduct its business in each jurisdiction; (b) it has all regulatory authorizations necessary for it to legally perform its obligations under this Agreement and any other documentation relating to this Agreement; (c) the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and any other documentation relating to this Agreement, and do not violate any of the terms and conditions in its governing documents, any contracts to which it is a party or any law, rule, regulation, order or similar provision applicable to it; (d) there are no bankruptcy proceedings pending or being contemplated by it or, to its knowledge, threatened against it; (e) there is not pending or, to its knowledge, threatened against it; operform its obligation under this Agreement or any other document relating to rule against it or any of its affiliates any legal proceedings that could materially adversely affect its ability to perform its obligation under this Agreement or any other document relating to

- this Agreement; (f) no Event of Default or event which, with the giving of notice or lapse of time, or both, would constitute an Event of Default with respect to it has occurred and is continuing and no such event or circumstance would occur as a result of its entering into or performing its obligations under this Agreement or any other document relating to this Agreement or any Transaction; and (g) it is acting for its own account, has made its own independent decision to enter into this Agreement and as to whether such Agreement is appropriate or proper for it based upon its own judgment, is not relying upon the advice or recommendations of the other Party in so doing, and is capable of assessing the merits of and understanding and understands and accepts, the terms, conditions and risks of this Agreement.
- 9.2 <u>Assignment</u>. This Agreement shall be assignable by CRS without the Counterparty's consent provided such assignment is to any other direct or indirect subsidiary of Cinergy Corp. provided that such direct or indirect subsidiary has an equivalent or higher credit rating than CRS. Any other assignment by either Party of this Agreement or any rights or obligation hereunder shall be made only with the written consent of the other Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 9.3 <u>Notices</u>. All notices, requests, statements or payments shall be made as specified below. Notices required to be in writing shall be delivered by letter, facsimile or other documentary form' provided there is some form of confirmation that the receiving party actually received the notice. Notice by regular mail shall be deemed to have been received three (3) Business Days after it has been sent. Notice by facsimile or hand delivery shall be deemed to have been received by the close of the Business Day on which it was transmitted or hand delivered (unless transmitted or hand delivered after close of normal business hours, in which case it shall be deemed to have been received at the close of the next Business Days. Notice by overnight or courier shall be deemed to have been received two (2) Business Days after it has been sent. A Party may change its addresses by providing notice of the same in accordance with this Section 9.3.

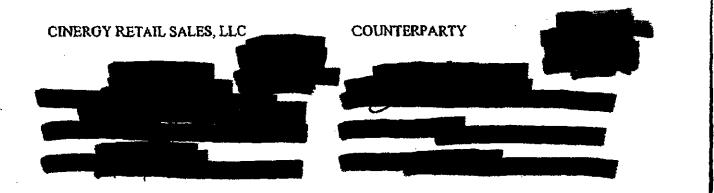
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- General. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties relating to 9.4 the subject matter contemplated by this Agreement. This Agreement shall be considered for all purposes as prepared through the joint efforts of the Parties and shall not be construed against one Party or the other as a result of the preparation, substitution. submission or other event of negotiation, drafting or execution hereof. No amendment or modification to this Agreement shall be enforceable unless set forth in writing and executed by both Parties. This Agreement shall not impart any rights enforceable by any third party (other than a permitted successor or assignee bound to this Agreement). No waiver by a Party of any default by the other Party shall be construed as a waiver of any other default. Any provision declared or rendered unlawful by any applicable court of Jaw or regulatory agency or deemed unlawful because of a statutory change will not otherwise affect the remaining lawful obligations that arise under this Agreement. The headings used herein are for convenience and reference purposes only. All indemnity and audit rights contained herein shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement for three (3) years.
- 9.5 <u>Confidentiality</u>. Neither Party shall disclose the terms or conditions of this Agreement to a third party (other than the Party's employees, Affiliates, lenders, counsel, accountants or advisors who have a need to know such information and have agreed to keep such terms confidential) except in order to comply with any applicable law, regulation, or in connection with any court or regulatory proceeding applicable to such Party; provided, however, each Party shall, to the extent practicable, use reasonable efforts to prevent or limit the disclosure. The Parties shall be entitled to all remedies available at law or in equity to enforce, or seek relief in connection with, this confidentiality obligation.
- 9.6 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be separately executed in counterparts each of which when so executed shall be deemed to constitute one and the same Agreement.
- 9.7 This Agreement supersedes and replaces in its entirety the agreement between CRS and Counterparty dated the second and as well as any other settlement agreements between Counterparty and Cinergy Corp. or any other Cinergy entity related to PUCO Case No. 99-1658-EL-ETP. By signing this Agreement, Counterparty, CRS and Cinergy Corp. (on behalf of all Cinergy entities) agree to this provision.

The Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives in multiple counterparts as of the Effective Date.



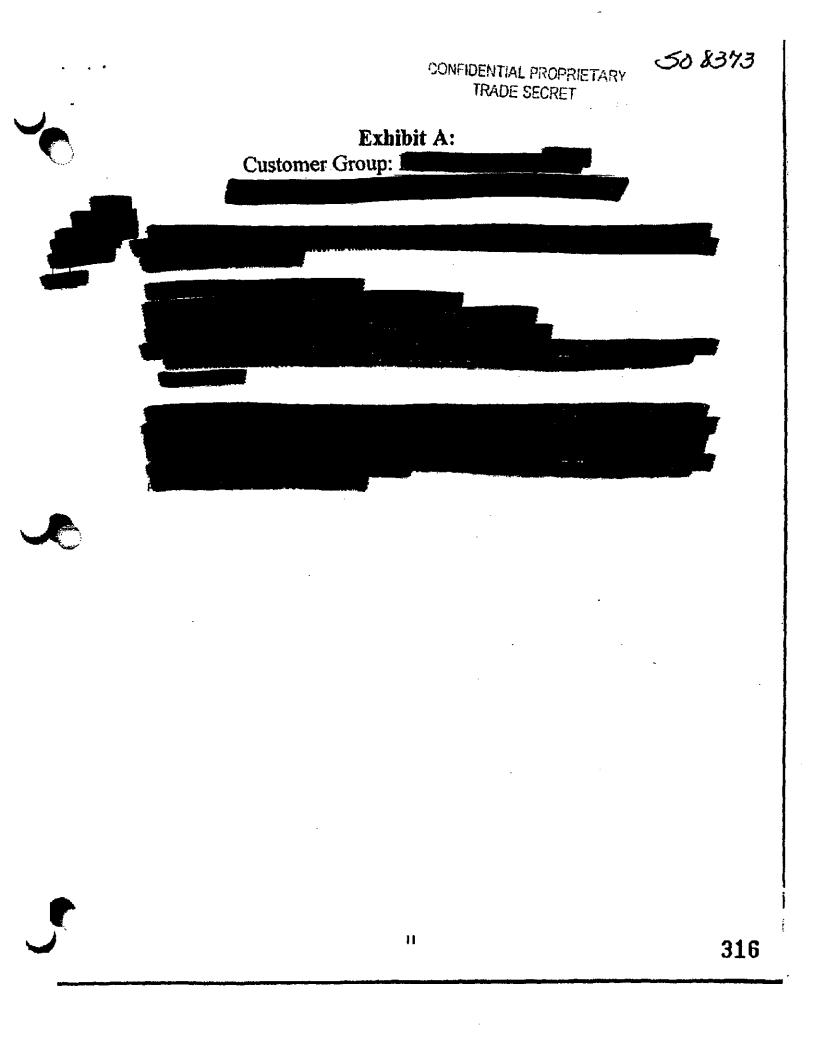
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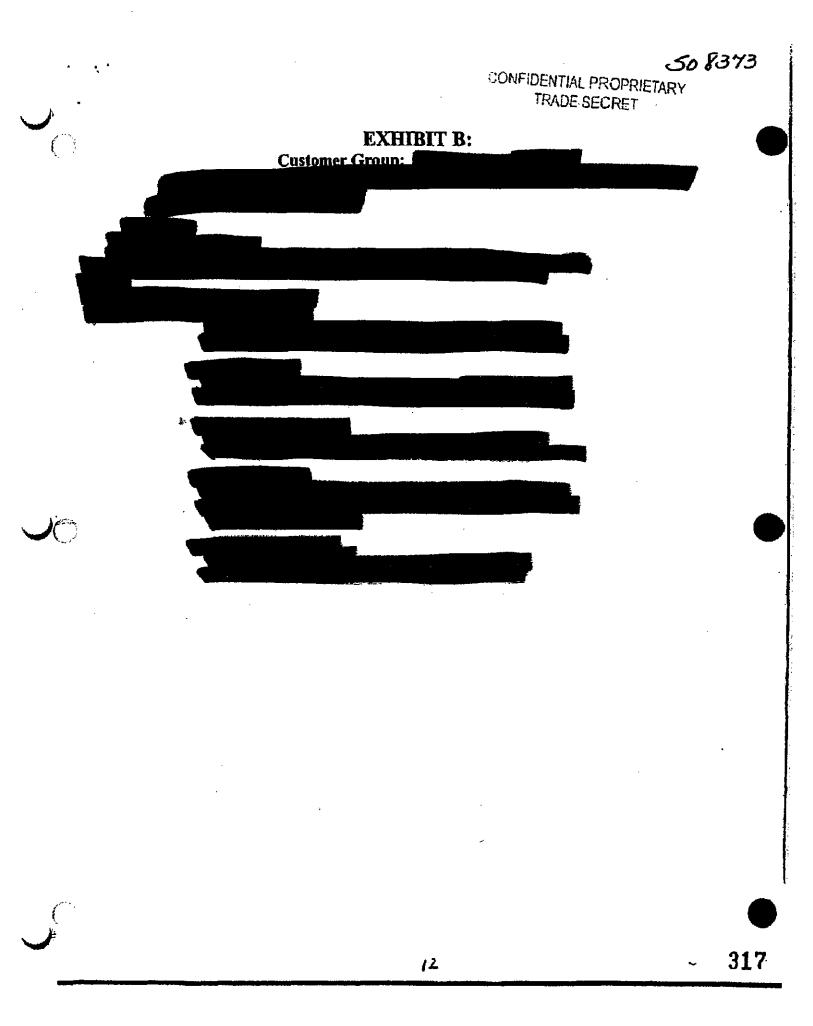


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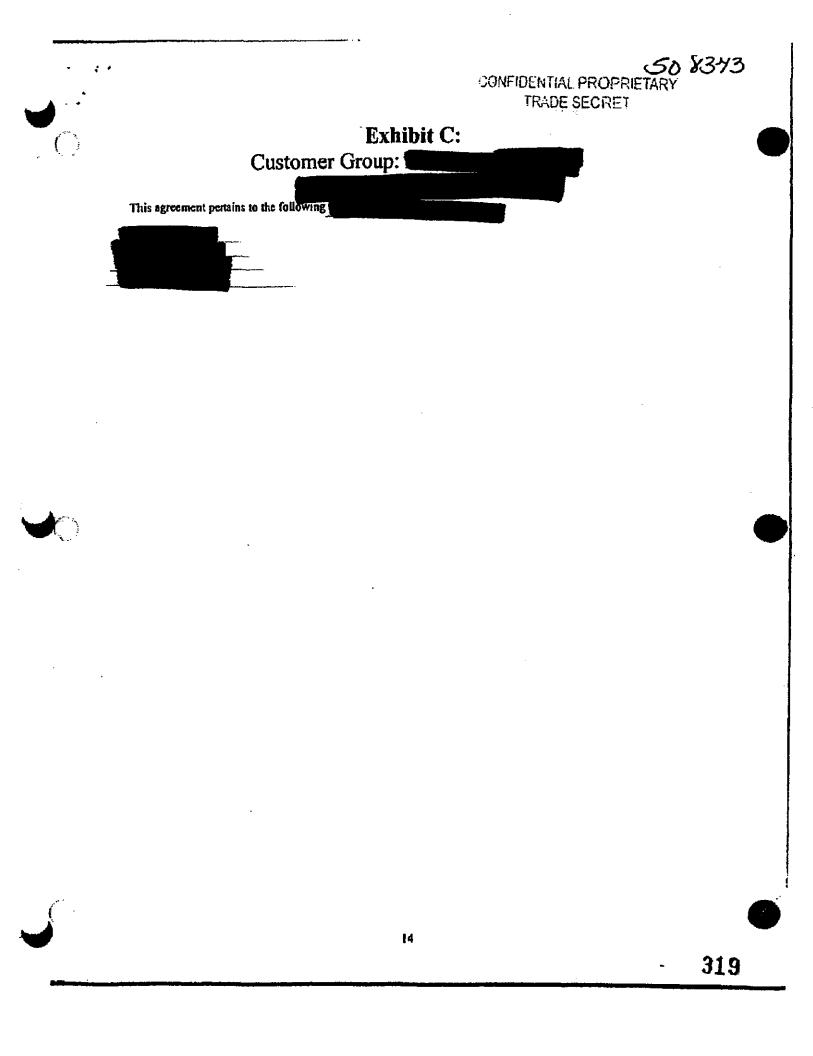
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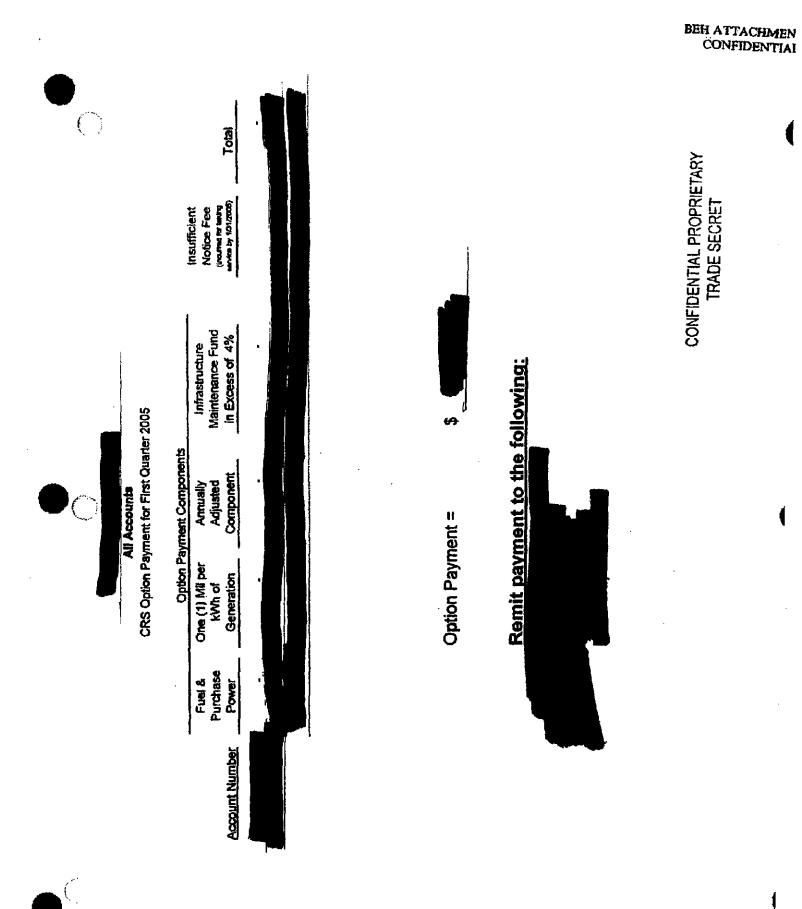
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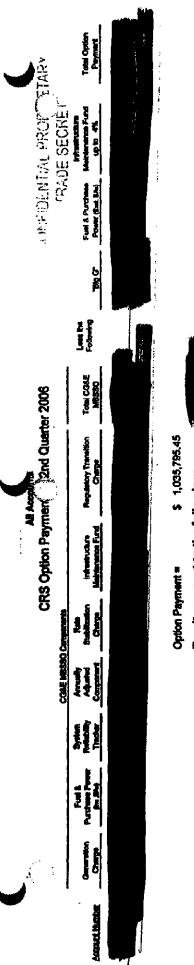
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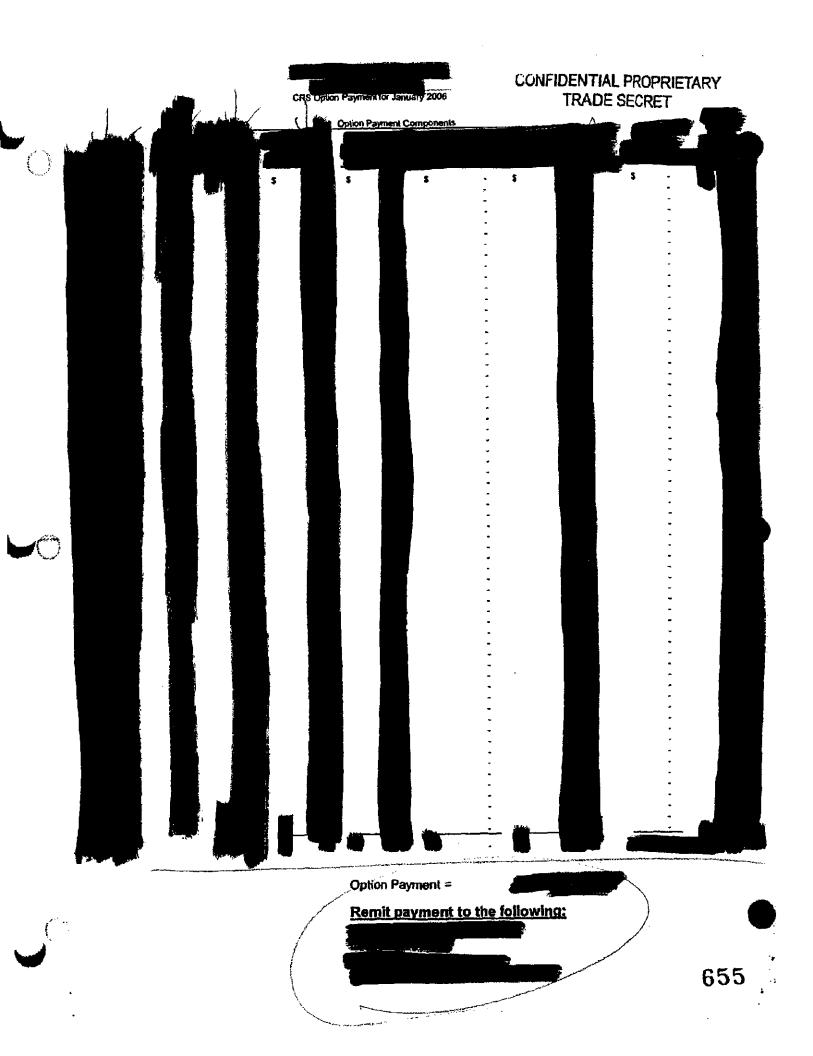


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Ohio Consumers' Counsel Fifth Set Interrogatories Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. Case No. 03-93-EL-ATA Following Remand Date Received: February 9, 2007 Response Duc: February 209, 2007

#### OCC-INT-05-RI103

#### **REQUEST:**

| Regarding the<br>('CRS')" with | Option Agreement by "Cin | ergy Retail Sales, LLC.<br><u>"in documents</u> provided |
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| at the<br>CRS with "           | nd the                   |  |

- a. Who were the persons responsible for the decision to have CRS and Cinergy enter into each agreement (i.e., identify each person)?
- b. When was the decision made to have CRS and Cinergy enter into each agreement?
- c. For each person identified in response to part (a) above, at the time each agreement was executed, what was each person's company of employment (i.e., identify the company), job title, job duties, and responsibility related to each agreement?
- d. Why were Option Agreements entered into, rather than continue the

#### **RESPONSE:**

Objection. This question is not calculated to lead to the discovery of relevant evidence. Without waiving its objection DE-Ohio makes the following representations:

a-c. DE-Ohio was not a party to the DERS decision making process.

d. DE-Ohio is not privy to the reasoning of DERS or the counterparties on this subject. Based on its attendance of the depositions are process, DE-Ohio states, on information and belief, that the Commission made material amendments to the alternate proposal effectively rejecting it and terminating the area of the process. Upon

termination DERS had an obligation to enter into discussions to see if the parties could negotiate contracts permitting the parties to be in substantially the same economic position as they were in the the parties approximately and the party was under an obligation to enter any further contract the parties agreed on the terms and conditions of the option contracts.

WITNESS RESPONSIBLE: N/A

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CONFIDENTIAL PROPRIETARY TRADE SECRET

Sent: Monday, July 24, 2006 1:12 PM

Subject: FW: CRES Payments

FYI. This is the CRES 101 that I got from Rates.

From: Sent: Monday, May 15, 2006 10:19 AM To: Cc: Subject: RE: CRES Payments



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These are all native-load, retail customers located in the DE Ohio (CG&E) service territory. As described below, the original plan was to have them become "shoppers" in accordance with Ohio Electric Customer Choice, and they would receive their generation service from the newly-formed Cinergy CRES. At the last minute, Cinergy deemed the contracts to be too risky, and negotiated the payments instead.



From: Conday, May 15, 2006 10:11 AM Toto Cc: Conday Subject: RE: CRES Payments

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Thank you very much for the background. I do have one follow up question. We went through the budget with question the background of the saked to start seeing the CRES payments as part of his native load budget since it is related to the RSP. It sounds like from your history explanation it is related to full requirements customers which we call non-native. Why would the non-native customers intervene on rates that would not affect them or are you considering those customers as part of the retail load? Thanks again, the saked to be a saked to be addressed on the saked to be addressed on the

Froms Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 4:03 PM To: ( Cc Subject: RE: CRES Payments



Here is the history behind the so-called "CRES" payments:

During late 2003, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio asked all of the electric investor-owned utilities in the State of Ohio to prepare and submit Rate Stabilization Plans. At that time, we were still in our Market Development Period following the implementation of electric Customer Choice in January 2001. During the Market Development Period,

electric rates were frozen, and the original plan was for all of the utilities to offer market-based rates following the end of the Market Development period. The Market Development period was scheduled to end no later than 12/31/05.

Ty 2003, the PUCO and other groups became concerned that the competitive electric retail market in Ohio was not difficiently robust to prevent wild price swings under pure competition and market pricing. The problems in California and the subsequent Enron meltdown also colored their feelings. As a result, they asked the utilities to offer Rate Stabilization Plans in lieu of pure market pricing.

CG&E (Duke Energy Ohio) filed its RSP (known as the Electric Reliability and Rate Stabilization Plan, ERRSP) during the first half of 2004. A number of large customers, some represented by industry groups, intervened in the filing. CG&E's and the PUCO's goal was to obtain rapid approval of the RSP such that the new rates could go into effect on 1/1/2005. The interveners represented a roadblock, however. To eliminate this roadblock and prevent a formal hearing, CG&E negotiated special conditions with the interveners and ultimately reached agreements with them.

The original settlement agreement with the interveners called for Cinergy to form a "CRES" (Certified Retail Electric Supplier - the State of Ohio must certify all retail electric providers in terms of creditworthiness, etc.). The Cinergy CRES was to provide generation service for the interveners at pre-specified, contractual rates. At the last minute (i.e., December 2004), Cinergy's top management decided that the CRES settlement was too risky, and Cinergy essentially decided to not follow through with the contract. To prevent lawsuits for breach of contract, Cinergy entered into negotiations with each of the parties and agreed to make monthly or quarterly payments in lieu of offering generation service from the CRES.

So as you can see, the "CRES" customers are actually full-requirement customers of Duke Energy Ohio, but they receive payments from the Company instead of receiving generation service from the Cinergy CRES (the Cinergy CRES does not have any retail customers,

The payments for each group of the "CRES" customers differ from each other. Generally speaking, the contracts with each group specify that the customers belonging to that group will receive refunds of various RSP riders (e.g., Rider AAC, Rider FPP, Rider IMF, Rider SRT, etc.). Each month or quarter, I prepare statements that show the amount of money that is to be refunded to each customer, and the payments are made from the CBU's (non-regulated generation) budget.

maese payments will last through a second and the point the ERRSP will terminate.

By the way, the "CRES" customers include some of the

Hope this helps.

Rate Services

#### CONFIDENTIAL PROPRIETARY TRADE SECRET

From: Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:08 PM Total Subject: FW: CRES Payments

Can you respond to the question? You and the are the only ones I'm aware of who know this stuff.

From: Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:00 PM

The you have anything that tells or can you briefly describe the concept behind the CRES payments? We are budgeting around \$22M annually for this out of our non-native segment. How was that number derived, who does it go to, and does it last until the end of 2008? Just trying to get a little more educated on this. Thanks



CONFIDENTIAL PROPRIETARY TRADE SECRET

#### DUKE ENERGY RETAIL SALES, LLC

#### OFFICER CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

#### LON C. MITCHELL, JR.

I, Lon C. Mitchell, Jr. do hereby certify that I am Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Treasurer of Duke Energy Retail Sales, LLC.

I further certify that I have reviewed the attached Financial Statements of Duke Energy Retail Sales, LLC, and that such Financial Statements are accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2006.

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Lon C. Mitchell Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer Duke Energy Retail Sales, LLC

#### Duke Energy Retail Sales LLC Balance Sheet December 31, 2005

Assets

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| Accounts Receivable - affiliates      | <u>\$ 4,245,431</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                       |                     |
| Liabilities                           |                     |
| Accounts Payable - affiliates         | \$ 11,172,890       |
| Accrued Taxes                         | (710,115)           |
| Other                                 | 3,023,158           |
| Total Lizbilities                     | 13,485,933          |
| Member's Equity                       |                     |
| Retained (Deficit)                    | (9,240,502)         |
| Total Liabilities and Member's Equity | \$ 4,245,431.00     |

#### **Duke Energy Retail Sales LLC**

Statement of Income For the year ended December 31, 2005

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| Revenues                           |     |      | <b>S</b> -           |
|------------------------------------|-----|------|----------------------|
| Operating Expanses                 | 175 | •••• |                      |
| Option Premium Expense             |     |      | 13,768,812           |
| Administrative and General Expense | \$  |      | 2 <del>59</del> ,460 |
| Operating (Loss)                   |     |      | (14,028,272)         |
| Interest Expense                   |     |      | 147,549              |
| (Loss) Before Taxes                |     |      | (14,175,821)         |
| Income Tax Expense (Benefit)       |     |      | (4,950,863)          |
| Net Income                         |     |      | \$(9,224,958)        |

### **Duke Energy Retail Sales LLC**

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Budgeted Statement of Income For the year ended December 31, 2006

| Revenues                            | \$        | -                 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Operating Expenses                  |           |                   |
| Option Premium Expense              | 22,24     | 7,000             |
| Administrative and General Expenses | 2         | 8,500             |
| Operating (Loss)                    | (22,27    | 5,500)            |
| Interest Expense                    | 80        | 0,000             |
| (Loss) Before Taxes                 | (23.07    | 5,500)            |
| Income Tax Expense (Benefit)        | (8,07     | 6,425)            |
| Net Income                          | \$ (14,99 | <del>0,075)</del> |

### CONFIDENTIAL PROPRIETARY

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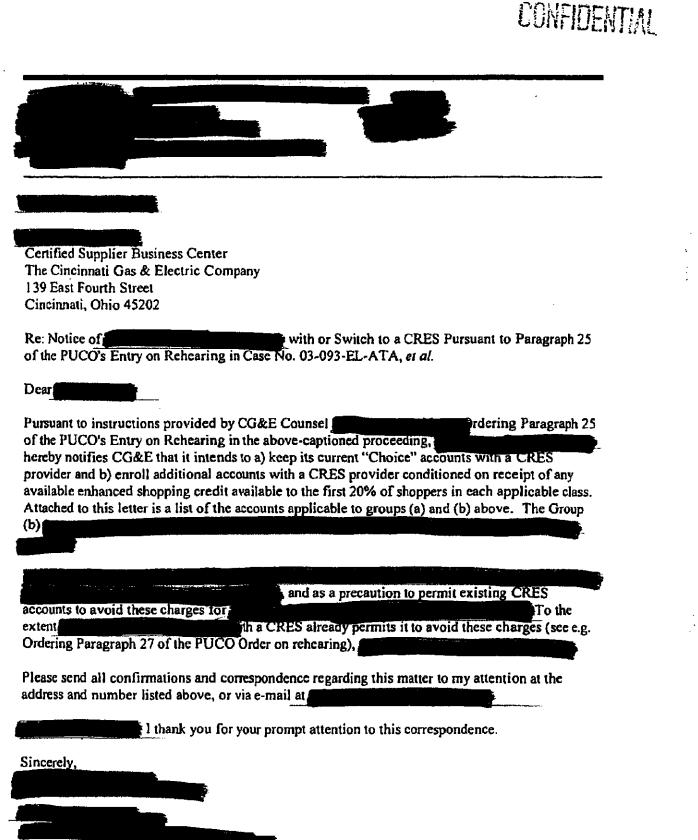
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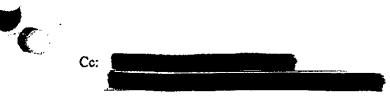
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