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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the Commission's)
Review of Chapter 4901-7, Ohio)
Administrative Code, Standard Filing) Case No. 08-558-AU-ORD
Requirements for Rate Increases filed)
Pursuant to Chapter 4909, Revised Code.)

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**JOINT MOTION TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS
OF THE OHIO GAS ASSOCIATION, THE EAST OHIO GAS COMPANY DBA
DOMINION EAST OHIO, COLUMBIA GAS OF OHIO, INC., DUKE ENERGY OHIO,
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Pursuant to Rules 4901-1-12 and 4901-1-13(A), Ohio Administrative Code, the Ohio Gas Association, the East Ohio Gas Company dba Dominion East Ohio, Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., and Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. (collectively, local distribution companies or "LDCs") jointly move the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission") for an extension of time for filing initial and reply comments in the above-referenced case for good cause shown. Specifically, the LDCs support the June 2, 2008 Motion by Ohio's electric distribution utilities' ("EDUs") request that the initial and reply comment dates would be extended from June 24 to July 15 and July 23 to September 30, 2008, respectively. The LDCs also move for an expedited ruling pursuant to Rule 4901-1-12(C), Ohio Administrative Code. The reasons supporting these requests are set forth in the attached Memorandum in Support, incorporated herein by reference.

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

On May 7, 2008, the Commission issued an Entry seeking comments on the Commission Staff's ("Staff") proposed changes to the Commission's rules relating to the standard filing requirements for applications requesting an increase in rates [Chapter 4901-7 of the Ohio Administrative Code ("O.A.C.")]. The Entry established a deadline for initial comments of June 24, 2008 and reply comments of July 23, 2008. On June 2, 2008 Ohio's EDUs filed a Motion to extend the deadlines for initial and reply comments. Ohio's LDCs are in the process of reviewing Staff's proposed changes and are attempting to craft joint comments in an effort that the LDCs believe will ultimately result in a more efficient use of the time and resources of the Commission and other interested parties. Thus, in addition to the reasons set forth in the EDUs' Motion, the LDC's believe that, given the level of coordination required to develop and submit joint comments, additional time is necessary. Accordingly, the LDCs support the EDUs' request that the Commission extend the comment deadlines.

Wherefore, for the reasons discussed herein, the LDCs respectfully request that the Commission extend the initial comment deadline from June 24 to July 15, 2008 and the reply comment deadline from July 23 to September 30, 2008 for good cause shown.

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