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### **VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**

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Betty McCauley
The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Docketing Division
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Re: <u>Intervention in Case No's.; 07-829-GA-AIR; 07-830-</u> GA-ALT; 07-831-GA-AAM; 08-169-GA-ALT & 08-

1453-GA-UNC

Dear Ms. McCauley:

I have enclosed an original and 20 copies of the City of Cleveland's Motion to Intervene for filing in the above-referenced docket. Please return a time-stamped copy to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (216) 664-2569.

Very truly yours,

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MOTION TO INTERVENE AND MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT OF INTERVENTION FILED ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF CLEVENAND Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §4903.221 and Ohio Administrative Code §4901-1-11, the City of Cleveland (Cleveland) respectfully moves the Public Utilities

Commission of Ohio (Commission) for leave to intervene in the above-captioned dockets, as a full party of record, and the full powers and rights granted to an intervening party.

As more fully set forth in the attached Memorandum of Support of Intervention, Cleveland submits that it has a direct, real, and substantial interest in the issues and matters involved in the above-captioned proceedings, and that it is so situated that the disposition of the proceedings, as a practical matter, without its participation may impair or impede its ability to protect its interests. Cleveland further submits that its participation in these dockets will not cause undue delay, will not unjustly prejudice any existing party, and will contribute the just and expeditious resolution of the issues and concerns raised in these proceedings.

Moreover, inasmuch as others in these proceedings will not adequately represent Cleveland's interests, Cleveland respectfully submits that it is entitled to intervene in these proceedings, with the fully powers and rights granted to an intervening party.

WHEREFORE, Cleveland respectfully requests the Commission to grant its Motion to Intervene.

Respectfully Submitted,

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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT OF INTERVENTION

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §4903.221 and Ohio Administrative Code §4901-1-11, the City of Cleveland (Cleveland) respectfully moves the Public Utilities

Commission of Ohio (Commission) for leave to intervene in the above-captioned dockets, as a full party of record, and the full powers and rights granted to an intervening party. For the below reasons, Cleveland respectfully submits that the Commission should grant its Motion to Intervene.

## I. <u>Intervention Criteria</u>

For purposes of considering requests for leave to intervene, OAC §4901-1-11(A) provides that:

Upon timely motion, any person shall be permitted to intervene in a proceeding upon a showing that: ... (2) [t]he person has a real and substantial interest in the proceeding, and person is so situated that the disposition of the proceeding may, as a practical matter, impair or impede his or her ability to protect that interest, unless the person's interest is adequately represented by existing parties.

Further, R.C. §4903.221(B) provides that the Commission, in ruling upon applications to intervene in its proceedings, shall consider the following criteria:

- (1) The nature and extent of the prospective intervener' interest;
- (2) The legal position advanced by the prospective intervener and its probable relation to the merits of the case;
- (3) Whether the intervention by the prospective intervener will unduly prolong or delay the proceedings; and
- (4) Whether the prospective intervener will significantly contribute to the full development and equitable resolution of the factual issues.
- O.A.C. §4901-1-11(B) also provides the following factors in considering requests to intervene:
  - (1) The nature of the person's interest;

- (2) The extent to which the person's interest is represented by existing parties;
- (3) The person's potential contribution to a just and expeditious resolution of the issues involved in the proceeding; and
- (4) Whether granting the requesting intervention would unduly delay the proceeding or unjustly prejudice any existing party.

### II. Discussion

Cleveland is a municipal corporation empowered by Article XVIII of the Ohio Constitution to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens. Cleveland and many of its citizens are consumers of natural gas service that is provided by Dominion East Ohio (DEO), an investor-owned utility applying for (1) authority to increase rates for distribution service, (2) approval of an alternative rate plan, (3) approval to change its accounting methods, (4) approval for tariffs to recover certain costs associated with the pipeline infrastructure replacement program through an automatic adjustment clause, and (5) approval for tariffs to recover certain costs associated with the automatic meter reading deployment through an automatic adjustment clause in the above-captioned matter. Consequently, Cleveland and its citizens have a real and substantial interest in these proceedings. Other participants do not adequately represent the interest of Cleveland and its citizens, and without Cleveland's participation the disposition of the proceeding may, as a practical matter, impair or impede Cleveland's ability to protect its interest and the interests of its citizens.

Cleveland has been actively involved in the natural gas service matters before this Commission for many years and in many cases. Cleveland seeks to intervene and participate in this matter to represent the perspective of a municipal customer as well as the perspective of Cleveland's citizens relative to all issues which may arise. To the

extent that it is appropriate and efficient, Cleveland intends to coordinate its participation with that of other interested groups.

For all of the reasons set forth above, Cleveland has direct, real, and substantial interests in the issues in these proceedings, which can only be protected by its participation. Disposition of the proceeding without Cleveland's participation may, as a practical matter, impair Cleveland's ability to protect its interests and interests of its citizens. Cleveland's participation will contribute to the full development and the just and equitable resolution of the issues likely to be raised in this proceeding, and Cleveland's participation will not cause any delay, nor will intervention unduly prolong this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, Cleveland respectfully submits that the Commission must grant its Motion to Intervene.

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