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Tara Steele 520 Elliott St., #1 Cincinnati, OH 45215 Plaintiff. Case No. 08-1059-EL-CSS V. Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.

## MOTION OF DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC., TO **CONTINUE HEARING**

Now comes Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. and hereby moves this honorable Commission to continue the hearing in the above captioned case, for the reasons set forth more fully in the attached Memorandum in Support.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT**

Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (DE-Ohio) is an Ohio corporation with its principal office in Cincinnati, Ohio and is engaged in the business of supplying electric transmission, distribution, and generation service in Adams, Brown, Butler, Clinton, Clermont, Hamilton, Montgomery, and Warren Counties in Southwestern Ohio to approximately 690,000 consumers.

DE-Ohio is a "public utility" as defined by R. C. 4905.02 and 4905.03; and an "electric distribution company," "electric light company," "electric supplier," and an "electric utility" as defined by R. C. 4928.01.

In an Entry dated February 9, 2009, The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) set this matter for hearing on March 24<sup>th</sup>. DE-Ohio respectfully requests that the currently scheduled hearing date be rescheduled to some mutually agreeable date in the future. DE-Ohio is currently scheduled to go to hearing in its electric distribution rate case, Case No. 08-709-EL-AIR, on March 31, 2009. During the week of March 24, 2009, counsel for DE-Ohio will be engaged in depositions, settlement discussions, and other planning for the hearing.

WHEREFORE, Duke Energy Ohio respectfully moves this Commission to continue the hearing of the complaint submitted by Complainant Tara Steele to a mutually agreed upon date in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Motion was sent via regular U.S. Mail, postage prepaid to the following party of record this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2009.

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