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In the Matter of the Application for)
Establishment of a Reasonable) Case No. 09-516-EL-AEC
Arrangement between Eramet)
Marietta, Inc. and Columbus Southern)
Power Company.)

**MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER AND MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT
OF ERAMET MARIETTA, INC.**

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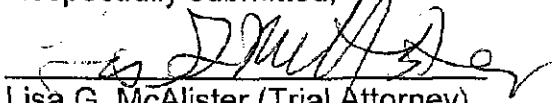
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MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

Pursuant to the provisions of Rule 4901-1-24, Ohio Administrative Code, Eramet Marietta, Inc. ("Eramet") respectfully moves the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission") to issue a protective order to protect the confidentiality of and prohibit the disclosure of the testimony filed simultaneously with this motion in the above-captioned docket. The testimony at issue contains sensitive and highly proprietary information comprising of trade secrets. The grounds for the instant Motion are detailed in the attached Memorandum in Support.

Respectfully submitted,



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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF PROTECTIVE ORDER

On June 19, 2009, Eramet filed its application for approval of a reasonable arrangement. The testimony supporting Eramet's Application contains business sensitive and proprietary information, which require confidential treatment. Consequently, Eramet requests that the Commission maintain the confidential nature of these documents and the information contained therein, and protect the documents from public disclosure.

Eramet has taken care to protect the limited amount of information that falls under this category by filing a public, redacted version of the testimonies of Frank Bjorklund and Robert L. Flygar and confidential, unredacted versions of the same. Eramet's request for protective treatment is limited to those portions of the testimony that have been redacted. Specifically, in Mr. Bjorklund's testimony, questions and answers 7 through 12 and in Mr. Flygar's testimony, question and answer 9.

Rule 4901-1-24(D), O.A.C., provides for the issuance of an order that is necessary to protect the confidentiality of information contained in documents filed at the Commission to the extent that state and federal law prohibit the release of such information and where non-disclosure of the information is not inconsistent with the

purposes of Title 49 of the Revised Code. State law recognizes the need to protect information that is confidential in nature, as is the information contained in the supplemental documents that are the subject of this motion. Additionally, non-disclosure of the information will not impair the purposes of Title 49.

The testimony includes highly sensitive business information falling within the statutory characterization of a trade secret as defined by Section 1333.61(D) of the Revised Code. The definition of trade secret contained in Section 1333.1(D) is as follows:

"Trade secret" means information, including the whole or any portion or phase of any scientific or technical information, design, process, procedure, formula, pattern, compilation, program, device, method, technique, or improvement, or any business information or plans, **financial information**, or listing of names, addresses, or telephone numbers, that satisfies both of the following:

(1) It derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by, other persons who can obtain economic value from its disclosure or use.

(2) It is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy.

Section 1333.61(D), Revised Code (emphasis added).

The information is not generally known by the public and is held in confidence in the normal course of business. Therefore, Eramet reasonably requests that the financial information filed under seal be deemed to contain trade secrets, and thus, be treated as confidential by this Commission and its Staff.

Additionally, Eramet hereby requests a waiver from Rule 4901-1-24(F), O.A.C., which causes any order prohibiting public disclosure of certain documents to automatically expire eighteen (18) months after the date the order was issued. Given

the extremely sensitive nature of the requested financial documents and given the fact that such information addresses issues pertaining to the ten year period requested for the term of the reasonable arrangement, Eramet believes that a waiver of this rule is necessary. The information is proprietary now and will be in eighteen (18) months; the sensitive nature of this financial information will remain and the need to keep the information from public disclosure will not diminish. Thus, it is imperative to maintain the information as confidential and for the Commission to continue its protection from public disclosure. As such, Eramet respectfully requests that the Commission grant a waiver from Rule 4901-1-24(F), O.A.C., to prevent the information that has been filed under seal from being removed from protective status and placed into the public record of the proceeding.

WHEREFORE, given the highly confidential and proprietary nature of the contents of the supplemental information filed under seal, Eramet urges the Commission to grant this Motion and issue an appropriate Order to ensure the continued non-disclosure of these proprietary materials.

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I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing *Motion for Protective Agreement and Memorandum in Support of Eramet Marietta, Inc.* was provided to the following persons this 29th day of July 2009, *via first class mail, postage prepaid, or electronically via e-mail attachment.*


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