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The Honorable Christine Pirik
The Honorable Katie Stenman
Attorney Examiners
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street, 12th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Re: Case No. 09-1946-EL-ATA,
In re Duke Energy Ohio.

Dear Examiners Pirik and Stenman:

On December 11, 2009, Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Applicant) filed an application seeking authority to establish the initial level of its distribution rate Rider DR through which it seeks to recover certain costs associated with the Hurricane Ike windstorm. The Rider DR was established as part of a Stipulation and Recommendation approved in PUCO Case No. 08-709-EL-AIR.

The aforementioned Stipulation provided that any interested party and the Staff could submit comments on Duke's application by February 9, 2010. While the Staff intends to file comments, the present work load and delay in obtaining necessary information have not allowed the Staff sufficient time to complete its comments. Accordingly, the Staff requests an extension of time for filing these comments to February 23, 2010. The Staff would further request that its request be taken up on an expedited basis.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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