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**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Five-Year Review of)
Natural Gas Company Uncollectible) Case No. 08-1229-GA-COI
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Joint Motion for Extension of Time

Pursuant to 4901-1-13(A) of the Ohio Administrative Code, Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. ("Columbia"), Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. ("Vectren"), the East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a/ Dominion East Ohio ("Dominion"), and Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. ("Duke Energy Ohio") (jointly referred to as the "Companies") respectfully request a 30-day extension of the deadline for the filing of the consultant's report as prescribed in the August 19, 2009 Entry by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission"). The reasons for this request are more fully explained in the attached Memorandum in Support.

Respectfully submitted,


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Memorandum in Support

In its August 19, 2009 Entry, the Commission ordered the selection of a consultant to assist the Commission in evaluating the Companies' collection policies and practices and to recommend best practices in an effort to minimize uncollectible expenses. Entry (Aug 19, 2009) at 14. The Commission further required that the consultant submit a report of its audit findings to the Commission no more than six months after the date that the consultant is chosen. *Id* at 18.


The Commission chose Northstar Consulting Group on September 30, 2009. Entry (September 30, 2009) at 2. The deadline for filing the consultant's report is April 1, 2010. A representative from Northstar has informed the Companies that it is unable to meet the April 1, 2010 deadline and needs until May 3, 2010¹ to submit its report to the Commission. The Companies agree that such an extension of time is warranted and hereby requests this Commission to grant a 30-day extension of the deadline for the filing of Northstar's report. Such an extension will not unduly delay the Commission's scheduling order in this case, as one has not been set beyond the deadline of the report.

Therefore, the Companies request that the deadline for the filing of Northstar's report be extended until May 3, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Given that a thirty-day extension would fall on May 1, 2010, which is a Saturday, the filing would be made on Monday, May 3, 2010.

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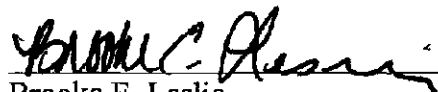
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I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing *Joint Motion for Extension of Time*
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