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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio **Docketing Division** 11th Floor 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215-3716

Case No. 10-503-EL-FOR, Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. 2010 Electric Long-Term Forecast Re: Report and Resource Plan

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find the following for filing in the above-referenced proceeding:

- 1. Twenty bound copies of the public version of the Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., 2010 Long-Term Electric Forecast Report and Resource Plan – Section IV – Duke Energy Ohio 2010 Resource Plan, Revised February 11, 2011. This revised 2010 Resource Plan is being filed to clarify the intentions of Duke Energy Ohio over the next 10-year period, at the request of parties to this proceeding.
- 2. Twenty copies of a motion for a protective order, together with three copies of the confidential version of the Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., 2010 Long-Term Electric Forecast Report and Resource Plan – Section IV – Duke Energy Ohio 2010 Resource Plan, Revised February 11, 2011.
- 3. Twenty copies of a corrected PUCO Form FE-D1: EDU Service Area Energy Delivery Forecast.
- 4. Twenty additional copies of the confidential version of the Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., 2010 Long-Term Electric Forecast Report and Resource Plan – Section IV – Duke Energy Ohio 2010 Resource Plan, Revised February 11, 2011, for internal distribution.

Sincerely.

Associate General Counsel

cc: parties of record

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the 2010 Long-Term)	Case No. 10-503-EL-FOR
recast Report of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.)	

MOTION OF DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC. FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION CONTAINED WITHIN ITS 2010 LONG-TERM FORECAST REPORT AND RESOURCE PLAN- SECTION IV -FILED FEBRUARY 11, 2011

Now comes Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. and submits this motion for a protective order to protect the confidentiality of a very limited amount of information contained in only four pages within its 2010 Long-Term Forecast Report and Resource Plan- Section IV - filed February 11, 2011 (Revised Resource Plan). Reasons for this motion are set forth more fully in the attached Memorandum of Support.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. (Duke Energy Ohio or the Company) submitted an application for approval of its Long-Term Forecast and Resource Plan in compliance with Ohio Administrative Code 4901:5-1-02 on June 15, 2010. Subsequently, motions to intervene were filed by The Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, Ohio Environmental Council, Ohio Environmental Law & Policy Center, The Sierra Club, The National Resources Defense Council, The Solar Alliance, and the Mid-Atlantic Renewable Energy Coalition.

A prehearing conference was held on July 28, 2010, wherein a procedural schedule was discussed. The procedural schedule issued by the Attorney Examiner on August 12, 2010 contemplated a technical conference on August 17, 2010, a public hearing on September 13, 2010, and an evidentiary hearing on November 8, 2010. The technical conference occurred on the date set by the Attorney Examiner and parties were afforded an opportunity to pose questions as needed. The public hearing was held on September 13, 2010 and members of the public appeared and testified.

At the prehearing conference held on July 28, 2010 and again at the public hearing held on September 13, 2010, the Attorney Examiner directed counsel for Duke Energy Ohio to provide a more concise motion for protective order to clarify precisely which information requires protection and what protection is being sought. This motion was submitted on October 7, 2010 along with our Amended Long-Term Forecast and Resource Plan. Further clarification was provided in a letter and a Second Amended Motion for Protective Order regarding a page that was provided in the confidential version of the document in redacted form. We seek herein to protect certain limited information on only four pages out of the sixty pages of the Revised

Resource Plan. The information redacted from these pages is precisely analogous to the redactions from the prior filing.

Ohio Administrative Code Rule 4901-1-24(D) allows Duke Energy Ohio to seek leave of the Commission to file information considered to be proprietary and trade secret information, or otherwise confidential, in a redacted and non-redacted form under seal. The redacted information contained on the four pages in the Resource Plan constitutes trade secret information in accordance with Ohio's Uniform Trade Secret Act and relevant jurisprudence.

The definition of trade secret contained in Revised Code 1333.61(D) is as follows:

"Trade secret" means information, including the whole or any portion of phase of any scientific or technical information, design, process, procedure, formula, patter, 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.

The information that Duke Energy Ohio seeks to protect in the four pages described above includes business information that derives independent economic value, actual or potential, from not being generally known to or ascertainable by other persons, who could obtain economic value from its disclosure. Duke Energy Ohio retains this information confidentially and does not disclose it other than under arrangements that will maintain its confidentiality.

The public interest is served by granting this motion. Parties to the case who have entered into confidentiality agreements have access to the information. Protecting the confidentiality of the information will prevent undue harm to Duke Energy Ohio and its ratepayers, as well as ensuring a sound competitive marketplace.

WHEREFORE, Duke Energy Ohio respectfully requests that the Commission, pursuant to Ohio Admin. Code Rule 4901-1-24(D), grant its motion for a protective order by making a determination that the confidential material contained on five pages of the report be designated as confidential, proprietary and trade secret under R.C. 4901.16 and 1333.61.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing has been served upon the following parties via electronic mail, regular mail or by hand delivery this 11th day of February, 2011.

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