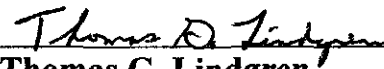




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**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT**

By entry dated September 23, 2011, the Attorney Examiner set a hearing date of November 7, 2011 for the purpose of receiving evidence on three issues. These issues related to the Companies' street lighting program, the residential water heater program, and the shared savings mechanism. As noted in the Companies' Motion to Vacate filed on September 30, 2011, the Companies are not currently pursuing either the street lighting program or the residential water heater program. Therefore, there is no need for a hearing on these issues. With respect to the shared savings mechanism, Staff intends to present a Strawman proposal at the prehearing conference scheduled for October 24, 2011. Staff submits that a continuance of the hearing date will allow the parties to evaluate and discuss Staff's proposal and work toward a possible agreement.

Therefore, Staff requests that the hearing date in this matter be continued until December 7, 2011.

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing **Memorandum in Support** submitted by the Staff of the Public Utilities of Ohio was sent by electronic mail and by U.S. postage paid mail to the parties listed on October 7, 2011.

  
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