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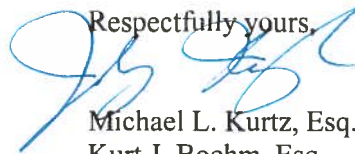
**In re: Case Nos. 09-1947-EL-POR, 09-1948-EL-POR and 09-1949-EL-POR
Case Nos. 09-1942-EL-EEC, 09-1943-EL-EEC and 09-1944-EL-EEC
Case Nos. 09-580-EL-EEC, 09-581-EL-EEC and 09-582-EL-EEC**

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please find attached the MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF THE OHIO ENERGY GROUP for filing in the above-referenced matter.

Copies have been served on all parties on the attached certificate of service. Please place this document of file.

Respectfully yours,



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**BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and The Toledo Edison Company For Approval of Their Energy Efficiency and Peak Demand Reduction Program Portfolio Plans for 2010 through 2012 and Associated Cost Recovery Mechanisms	:	Case Nos.	09-1947-EL-POR
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In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and The Toledo Edison Company For Approval of Their Initial Benchmark Reports.	:	Case Nos.	09-1942-EL-EEC
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In the Matter of the Energy Efficiency and Peak Demand Reduction Program Portfolio of Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and The Toledo Edison Company.	:	Case Nos.	09-580-EL-EEC
	:		09-581-EL-EEC
	:		09-582-EL-EEC

**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT
OF THE OHIO ENERGY GROUP**

Pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code §4901-1-12, the Ohio Energy Group (“OEG”) hereby submits a memorandum in support of the Motion of the Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company and the Toledo Edison Company (collectively, “FirstEnergy”) to Stay the Evidentiary Hearing filed in this proceeding on January 31, 2012 (“Motion”). OEG respectfully requests that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (“Commission”) grant FirstEnergy’s Motion. As FirstEnergy’s Motion notes, Commission approval of an indefinite stay of this proceeding would conserve parties’ resources and could help to avoid litigation of similar issues in two separate dockets.

Respectfully submitted,



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