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March 30, 2012

Ray Strom  
Efficiency & Renewables Division  
The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: PUCO Case No. 11-6000-EL-UNC, IN THE MATTER OF THE PROCUREMENT OF STANDARD SERVICE OFFER GENERATION FOR CUSTOMERS OF DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.

Dear Mr. Strom:

This is in regards to the auction format used in the auctions for Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.'s Competitive Bidding Process (CBP) for Standard Service Offer (SSO) supply procurement. For the December 2011 auction, CRA International (CRA or Auction Manager) designed and implemented a single-phase, multiple-product, descending-price clock auction format. Pursuant to the Electric Security Plan (ESP) approved by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) on November 22, 2011 in Case No. 11-3549-EL-SSO, this auction format is described in the Bidding Rules document found on the Information Website ([www.duke-energyohiocbp.com](http://www.duke-energyohiocbp.com)).

Unlike the first auction, the remaining four auctions under the ESP — scheduled for May 2012, November 2012, May 2013, and November 2013 — will be for one product only. For these four single-product auctions we intend to use a two-phase auction format: the first phase is a descending-price clock format and the second phase is a sealed-bid round. In some cases the auction may close without the need for a sealed-bid round, but in other cases this 2-phase auction format uses a sealed-bid round to close the auction pursuant to pre-specified criteria.

As Auction Manager, we intend to update the Bidding Rules document that is on the Information Website to reflect the 2-phase auction format.

Sincerely yours,

CRA INTERNATIONAL, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Lee", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert Lee  
Principal

cc: Amy Spiller, Duke Energy Ohio, Inc.

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Summary: Request - Letter from Auction Manager Regarding Procedures for Upcoming Auction electronically filed by Raymond W. Strom on behalf of PUCO Staff