

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Columbus Southern Power Company and)	Case No. 11-346-EL-SSO
Ohio Power Company for Authority to)	Case No. 11-348-EL-SSO
Establish a Standard Service Offer Pursuant)	
to Section 4928.143, Revised Code, in the)	
Form of an Electric Security Plan)	
In the Matter of the Application of)	
Columbus Southern Power Company and)	Case No. 11-349-EL-AAM
Ohio Power Company for Approval of)	Case No. 11-350-EL-AAM
Certain Accounting Authority)	

**MOTION TO INTERVENE OF
DIRECT ENERGY SERVICES, LLC AND DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS, LLC**

Pursuant to Section 4903.221, Revised Code and Rule 4901-1-11 of the Ohio Administrative Code, Direct Energy Services, LLC and Direct Energy Business, LLC (“Direct Energy”) moves for intervention in the above-styled proceeding as a full party of record. The reasons supporting the intervention are contained in the accompanying Memorandum in Support.

WHEREFORE, Direct Energy respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Motion to Intervene and that Direct Energy Services, LLC and Direct Energy Business, LLC be made a full party of record.

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**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF
THE MOTION TO INTERVENE OF
DIRECT ENERGY SERVICES, LLC AND DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS, LLC**

Section 4903.221, Revised Code and Rule 4901-1-11 of the Ohio Administrative Code, establish the standard for intervention in the above-styled proceeding as a full party of record.

Rule 4901-1-11 of the Ohio Administrative Code states in part:

Upon timely motion, any person shall be permitted to intervene in a proceeding upon a showing that:

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(2) The person has a real and substantial interest in the proceeding, and the person is so situated that the disposition of the proceeding may, as a practical matter, impair or impede his or her ability to protect that interest, unless the person's interest is adequately represented by existing parties.

In addition to establishment of a direct interest, the factors that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (the "Commission") considers in implementing the above rule are the nature of the intervenor's interest, the extent that interest is represented by existing parties, the intervenor's potential contribution to a just and expeditious resolution of the issues involved, and whether intervention would result in an undue delay of the proceeding. (See also R.C. 4903.221(B) upon which the above rule is authorized). A review of these factors in light of following facts supports granting Direct Energy's intervention.

Direct Energy holds Certificate No.'s 00-019(5) and 00-0005(5) as a competitive retail electric supplier ("CRES") from the Commission to engage in the competitive sale of electric service to retail customers in Ohio. Direct Energy currently provides service to retail electric customers in the AEP-Ohio service area and has done so since 2002. Direct Energy has a real and substantial interest in this proceeding. Specifically, Direct Energy has a significant interest in several parts of the Application by AEP-Ohio, including but not limited to, the capacity charge paid by CRES to serve customers, the proposed energy auctions to serve standard service offer

customer load, AEP-Ohio's proposed corporate separation plan, and the various riders proposed by AEP-Ohio.

The issues impacting Direct Energy, as identified above, demonstrate the depth of Direct Energy's real and substantial interest in this case. Direct Energy will advance legal positions which are directly relevant to the merits of the case and Direct Energy's position. Additionally, Direct Energy's intervention is timely and will not unduly delay the instant proceedings. Direct Energy's unique expertise and participation in the competitive retail and wholesale markets in Ohio and across the country will significantly contribute to the development of a full and complete record to assist the Commission in its consideration of the Application. Finally, Direct Energy's direct and unique pecuniary interest in this proceeding cannot be represented by other intervenors.

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The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing Motion to Intervene of Direct Energy Services, LLC and Direct Energy Business, LLC was served this 17th day of April, 2012 by electronic mail upon the persons listed below.

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