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## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Spark		)	
Energy, L.P., for a Renewal	Certificate as	)	Case No. 10-622-EL-CRS
a Competitive Retail Electric	Service	)	
Provider in Ohio.		)	

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## SPARK ENERGY'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF CERTIFICATE EXPIRATION DATE

Now comes Spark Energy, L.P. ("Spark Energy"), and moves the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission") to extend the expiration date of its Certificate No. 10-215E (1), which authorizes it to operate as a competitive retail electric service provider in the State of Ohio. The certificate is due to expire on June 10, 2012, and Spark Energy seeks to extend its expiration date to July 25, 2012, which is 30 days after Spark Energy expects to file its renewal certification application on June 25, 2012. Spark Energy also requests that the Commission issue an expedited ruling on its request pursuant to Rule 4901-1-12(C) and (F), Ohio Admin. Code. Spark Energy requests this extension and expedited ruling for the reasons set forth in the attached Memorandum in Support.

Respectfully submitted,

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## MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

Spark Energy, L.P. ("Spark Energy") was issued Certificate No. 10-215E (1) to operate as a competitive retail electric service ("CRES") provider effective June 10, 2010. The certificate expires on June 10, 2012; however, due to an inadvertent oversight, Spark Energy has failed to file its certification renewal application within the 30 to 60-day time frame provided by Rule 4901:1-24-09(A), Ohio Admin. Code. Accordingly, Spark Energy respectively requests that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Commission") extend the certificate expiration date to July 25, 2012, which is 30 days after the expected filing of the renewal certification application on June 25, 2012. The 30 day period from June 25 to July 25, 2012 will permit compliance with the 30-day automatic approval process provided by Rules 4901:1-24-09(C) and 4901:1-24-06(A), Ohio Admin. Code.

Upon learning that the 60-day window for filing the renewal certification application had lapsed, Spark Energy immediately began the process to expeditiously prepare and file the renewal application. Although Spark Energy inadvertently failed to file its renewal application within the 60-day window provided by the Commission's rules, there have been no material changes in the Spark Energy's operations. Spark Energy's request will not adversely affect any customers, as Spark Energy currently is not serving any customers in Ohio under this CRES certificate.

Because Spark Energy's failure to timely file its renewal certification was inadvertent and not a willful attempt to avoid the Commission's rules, because there have been no material changes to its operations, and because an extension will not adversely affect any customer, Spark Energy respectfully requests that the Commission extend the expiration date of Certificate No. 10-215E (1) to July 25, 2012.

Spark Energy also requests that an expedited ruling be issued on this motion, considering its certificate currently is set to expire in three days, on June 10, 2012. Because Spark Energy is the only party to this proceeding, an expedited ruling will not adversely affect the substantive right of any party and Spark Energy respectfully requests than an expedited ruling be issued without the filing of memorandum.

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