## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

| In the Matter of the Review of The      | ) |                         |
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| Alternative Energy Rider Contained in   | ) |                         |
| The Tariffs of Ohio Edison Company, The | ) | Case No. 11-5201-EL-RDR |
| Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company | ) |                         |
| and The Toledo Edison Company.          | ) |                         |

# MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER BY THE OFFICE OF THE OHIO CONSUMERS' COUNSEL

The Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel ("OCC") hereby moves<sup>1</sup> the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") for a protective order regarding information asserted to be confidential by FirstEnergy.<sup>2</sup> As part of discovery in this proceeding, FirstEnergy provided information to OCC, subject to a protective agreement, and FirstEnergy asserts that this information constitutes trade secret information under Ohio law.

OCC hereby requests that, in accordance with Ohio Adm. Code. 4901-1-02(E), the PUCO issue such order as is necessary to protect the undisclosed (redacted) portions of the *Direct Testimony of Wilson Gonzalez* that are asserted to be confidential by FirstEnergy. Subject to OCC's rights under the protective agreement, OCC is filing the *Direct Testimony of Wilson Gonzalez* under seal, and is also filing a public version that shows all information not claimed by FirstEnergy to be confidential.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This Motion is filed pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-02(E), 4901-1-12 and 4901-1-24(D).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "FirstEnergy" means the Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and the Toledo Edison Company.

By filing the instant Motion, OCC does not concede that the information constitutes trade secret information. However, OCC acknowledges that it has obtained this information pursuant to a protective agreement with FirstEnergy that provides for such information to be treated as confidential and protected (subject to OCC's right under the protective agreement to initiate a process for the PUCO to rule whether the information deserves confidential treatment under Ohio law).

The grounds for this Motion are more fully described in the accompanying Memorandum in Support.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

OCC files this Motion for Protective Order ("Motion") contemporaneously with the filing of the *Direct Testimony of Wilson Gonzalez*. In filing this Motion, OCC does not concede that the information in the *Direct Testimony of Wilson Gonzalez* is trade secret information pursuant to R.C. 1333.61(D) and does not concede that the information is deserving of protection from public revelation under Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-24(D).

OCC understands that FirstEnergy considers the undisclosed (redacted) information to be confidential and deserving of the protection of trade secret information as defined in R.C. 1333.61(D). OCC's understanding is based on claims by FirstEnergy that the information (1) derives economic value, actual or potential, from not being known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by others, and (2) is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy. *See* R.C. 1333.61(D). Under the assertions made by FirstEnergy, at this time, confidential treatment of the redacted information in the *Direct Testimony of Wilson Gonzalez* would be appropriate, subject to OCC's rights under its protective agreement with FirstEnergy to initiate a process to determine whether the information should be protected.

In addition, OCC is filing a public version of the *Direct Testimony of Wilson*Gonzalez so that all information not claimed by the FirstEnergy to be confidential is accessible for the public's review. The public version does not contain information that was asserted by FirstEnergy to be confidential.

For the foregoing reasons and subject to the foregoing reservations of rights, this Motion should be granted at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing *Motion for Protective Order* by the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel has been served upon those persons listed below via electronic mail this 31st day of January 2013.

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