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STATE OF OHIO
PUTNAM COUNTY, ss.

I, Paul K. Muckley being duly sworn, do upon my oath depose and say that I am the Manager of THE PUTNAM COUNTY SENTINEL, a Newspaper published in said county of Putnam and of general circulation therein, and that the annexed advertisement was published in said PUTNAM COUNTY SENTINEL, for the period of

..... one (1) consecutive weeks from and after the 17th day of December A.D. 199..7..

Paul K. Muckley
Paul K. Muckley, General Manager
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 17th

day of December A.D. 199..7.....

Rose Ann Hermiller
Notary Public

My Commission expires 1/24/01

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled a hearing to determine whether the conjunctive electric service tariff applications filed by Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and Toledo Edison Company on March 31, 1997, in Case Nos. 96-406-EL-COI, 97-358-EL-ATA, and 97-359-EL-ATA are just and reasonable as required by Section 4909.18, Revised Code; whether the service that Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and Toledo Edison Company provide, absent a Conjunctive Electric Service tariff, is adequate service within the meaning of Section 4905.22, Revised Code; and whether Ohio Edison is in violation of the rate plan approved by the Commission in Case No. 95-830-EL-UNC and The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company and Toledo Edison Company are in violation of the rate plan approved by the Commission in Case No. 96-1211-EL-UNC. A hearing to receive the testimony of expert witnesses is to begin at 10:00 a.m. on January 6, 1998, at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

The Commission has also scheduled hearings in Cleveland and Toledo to receive public testimony in these cases. The hearing in Toledo, Ohio, will begin at 10:30 a.m. on January 5, 1998, in the City Council Chambers, Toledo Government Center, 1 Government Center, First Floor, Toledo, Ohio. The hearing in Cleveland, Ohio will begin at 10:30 a.m. on January 9, 1998, in the Second Floor Auditorium, Lausche State Office Building, 615 West Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio.

For further information regarding these cases or in the event of severe weather in Toledo, Ohio on January 5, 1998 or in Cleveland, Ohio on January 9, 1998, please call the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, toll free, at 1-800-686-7826 (TTY-TDD hearing impaired customers call 1-800-686-1570) or view the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.state.oh.us>.

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