

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of                    )  
Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. for        ) Case No. 13-1571-GA-ALT  
Approval of an Alternative Form of                )  
Regulation.    )

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**JOINT MOTION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE TESTIMONY  
AND  
CONTINUANCE OF THE EVIDENTIARY HEARING  
AND  
REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED RULING  
BY  
THE OFFICE OF THE OHIO CONSUMERS' COUNSEL,  
VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OF OHIO, INC.,  
THE STAFF OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

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Now come the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel ("OCC"), Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. ("Vectren" or "Utility") and the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO Staff"), (hereinafter Joint Movants) and move the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO" or "the Commission") for an extension of time to file testimony and a continuance of the evidentiary hearing. Joint Movants hereby submit this Motion<sup>1</sup> and request a seven-day extension of time for the filing of PUCO Staff and intervenor testimony<sup>2</sup> and a continuance of the evidentiary hearing<sup>3</sup> until January 21, 2014. In addition, because testimony currently is due January 7, 2014, Joint Movants

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<sup>1</sup> The Motion is filed pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-12 and Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-13.

<sup>2</sup> Entry at 2 (December 5, 2013). (Deadline for filing testimony is currently January 7, 2014 and if the Motion is granted would be extended seven days to January 14, 2014).

<sup>3</sup> Entry at 2 (April 19, 2013) (evidentiary hearing to commence currently on January 13, 2014, extension to January 21, 2014 is being requested herein).

request an expedited ruling on this Motion, pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-12(C).<sup>4</sup>

The reasons supporting this Motion, along with an explanation of the need to determine the filing deadline on an expedited basis, are set forth in the attached Memorandum in Support.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>4</sup> In accordance with Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-12(C), the Joint Movants certify that no party objects to an expedited ruling.

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**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT**

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On August 22, 2013, Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. (“Vectren,” or “Utility”) filed an Application (“Application”) seeking to extend and expand the scope of the Distribution Replacement Rider (“DRR”) initially approved in Case No. 07-1081-GA-ALT as an alternative regulation plan pursuant to R.C. 4929.05. In its Application, Vectren asks the PUCO to approve an extension of the DRR for another 5 years (recovery from customers for investments incurred during 2013 through 2017).<sup>5</sup> Vectren also proposes to expand the scope of the DRR.

On September 26, 2013, the Attorney Examiner established a procedural schedule that provided for the filing of Comments on October 30, 2013, and Reply Comments on November 13, 2013.<sup>6</sup> On December 5, 2013, the Attorney Examiner issued an Entry that established a January 7, 2014 deadline for the filing of testimony on behalf of the PUCO Staff and intervenors. That Entry also established a January 13, 2014 hearing date.

Negotiations are underway to reach a settlement among all parties in the case. Joint Movants believe that progress toward settlement of the issues raised in Vectren’s

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<sup>5</sup> Application at 3 (August 22, 2013).

Application is possible and would like additional time to work toward such a settlement. As a result, the Joint Movants collectively request that the Commission set a new procedural schedule that allows for additional discussion and possible resolution prior to the filing of any testimony and the commencement of a hearing. Therefore, good cause exists for the Commission to grant this Motion to extend the deadline for filing PUCO Staff and intervenor testimony until January 14, 2014 and continue the hearing until January 21, 2014.

Because testimony is currently due on January 7, 2014, Joint Movants request expedited consideration of its Motion pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-12(C). Joint Movants certify that no party objects to a ruling on this Motion on an expedited basis.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing has been served upon the following via electronic mail this 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2013.

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