BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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In the Matter of the Application of Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. for Authority to Adjust Its Distribution Replacement Rider Charges.

Case No. 15-865-GA-RDR

STATEMENT OF VECTREN ENERGY DELIVERY OHIO, INC. INFORMING THE COMMISSION WHETHER THE ISSUES RAISED IN COMMENTS HAVE BEEN RESOLVED

In accordance with the Commission's May 20, 2015 Entry, Vectren Energy Delivery Ohio, Inc. (VEDO) hereby submits its statement informing the Commission whether the issues raised in the comments have been resolved. Staff filed Comments on July 24, 2015, recommending that the Commission approve VEDO's Application. (Staff Comments at 7–8.) While Staff expressed its belief that VEDO's construction contracting process "has served to effectively control DRR project costs," the Staff noted a decline in 2014 in the number of qualified contractors bidding on pipeline replacement work, and therefore recommended "that VEDO should redouble its efforts towards soliciting and aiding potential contractors to become qualified and ultimately submit bids on DRR projects." (*Id.* at 7.) No other parties filed motions to intervene or comments in this case.

VEDO is not opposed to Staff's recommendation. In fact, as will be seen in the next annual DRR filing for 2015 work, the number of qualified contractors did increase compared to 2014. Regardless, VEDO's sourcing staff on an ongoing basis does review the bid process to ensure work is efficiently and effectively performed and will consider whether further process modifications should be adopted to continue to ensure costs are effectively controlled.

Given VEDO's ongoing efforts in this area and its willingness to work with Staff to carry out its recommendation, there are no issues to be resolved. Accordingly, VEDO believes that a hearing in this case is unnecessary. See Entry \P (3)(d) (May 20, 2015) ("In the event all of the issues raised in the comments are not resolved, . . . a hearing will commence") (emphasis added). Therefore, VEDO respectfully requests that the Commission approve its Application, as filed.

Dated: July 31, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

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