

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
Ohio Power Company to Initiate	)	
Phase 2 of its gridSMART Project	)	Case No. 13-1939-EL-RDR
and to Establish the gridSMART	)	
Phase 2 Rider	)	

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**JOINT MOTION FOR A BRIEF CONTINUANCE OF THE SCHEDULED  
EVIDENTIARY HEARING**

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Pursuant to Rules 4901-1-12 and 4901-1-13, Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), the undersigned Signatory Parties jointly request a continuance of the scheduled evidentiary hearing from July 19, 2016 to July 27, 2016 or as soon as possible thereafter. The grounds for this joint motion are set forth in the accompanying memorandum in support.

Respectfully submitted,

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*On behalf of Ohio Power Company*

/s/ Werner L. Margard, III /by STN per authority  
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*On behalf of the Staff of the Public Utilities  
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/s/ Mark A. Whitt /by STN per authority  
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/s/ Matthew W. Warnock /by STN per authority  
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*On behalf of the Ohio Hospital Association*

/s/ Scott J. Casto /by STN per authority  
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*On behalf of FirstEnergy Solutions Corp.*<sup>1</sup>

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*On behalf of the Ohio Environmental Council*

/s/ John J. Finnigan /by STN per authority  
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<sup>1</sup> FirstEnergy Solutions Corp. is a non-opposing party and is not a Signatory Party for purposes of the Stipulation or the Joint Motion.

## **MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT**

On June 14, 2016, the Attorney Examiner issued a procedural schedule for consideration of the April 7, 2016 Stipulation and Recommendation. The Stipulating Parties commend the Commission for establishing an expedited procedural schedule and are eager to proceed with the hearing. The primary technical expert witness supporting the Stipulation, however, has a hard scheduling conflict for the scheduled hearing date of July 19, 2016. Accordingly, the Signatory Parties jointly request that the evidentiary hearing be continued until July 27, 2016 or as soon as possible thereafter.

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