

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of Ohio Edison Company, The)
Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and)
The Toledo Edison Company for Authority to) Case No. 12-1230-EL-SSO
Provide for a Standard Service Offer Pursuant)
to Section 4928.143, Revised Code, in the Form)
of an Electric Security Plan.)

**NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL
FOR DIRECT ENERGY SERVICES LLC AND DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS LLC**

Pursuant to Rule 4901-1-08(F) of the Ohio Administrative Code, notice is given of the withdrawal of the law firm of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP and the withdrawal of M. Howard Petricoff and Stephen M. Howard as counsel for Direct Energy Services LLC and Direct Energy Business LLC in the above-captioned proceeding.

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Respectfully submitted,

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