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Barcy F. McNeal
Secretary
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor
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**RE: In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company to Adjust the
Economic Recovery Rider Rate, Case No. 16-1684-EL-RDR**

Dear Secretary McNeal:

On August 4, 2016, Ohio Power Company (“AEP-Ohio”) initiated Case No. 16-1684-EL-RDR by filing an application to adjust its Economic Development Cost Recovery Rider rate. As part of that filing, it submitted as attachments Schedules 2 and 3 containing confidential energy usage information of Eramet Marietta Inc. (“Eramet”). In the public filing, Eramet’s energy usage information in both schedules was redacted. Additionally, AEP-Ohio filed a motion for a protective order to prevent public disclosure of the redacted energy usage information.

So that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (“Commission”) was aware of Eramet’s interest in maintaining the confidentiality of the redacted energy usage information, Eramet filed its own motion for a protective order on August 11, 2016.

On August 17, 2016, AEP-Ohio filed a revised Schedule 2 that contained information related to Eramet’s energy usage. In the public filing, Eramet’s energy usage information in Schedule 2 was redacted. Additionally, AEP-Ohio filed a motion for a protective order to prevent public disclosure of the redacted energy usage information contained in the revised Schedule 2.

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Rather than submit a new motion for a protective order, Eramet requests that the Commission accept this letter as Eramet's request to extend its request for protective treatment to the redacted information concerning Eramet's energy usage information filed by AEP-Ohio on August 17, 2016 for the reasons set out in its August 11, 2016 motion.

If there are any questions, please contact counsel below.

Respectfully,

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Summary: Correspondence from Eramet Marietta Inc. regarding protective order electronically filed by Mr. Matthew R. Pritchard on behalf of Eramet Marietta, Inc.