

In the Matter of the Procurement of :
Standard Service Offer Generation for : Case No. 15-6000-EL-UNC
Customers of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. :

Comes now the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Staff) and requests that both the Report of the Commission's Consultant Regarding Duke Energy Ohio's March 2017 Standard Service Offer Auction and the Notification of CBP Auction Results be kept confidential pursuant to O.A.C. Rule 4901-1-24 for the reasons set forth in the attached memorandum in support.

/s/ Thomas W. McNamee

**On behalf of the Staff of
the Public Utilities commission of Ohio**

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

Staff requests that the Commission keep both the Report of the Commission's Consultant Regarding Duke Energy Ohio's March 2017 Standard Service Offer Auction and the Notification of CBP Auction Results confidential and that they not be publicly released. This information identifies the details of various bids and parties making the bids in the March 2017 Duke Energy Ohio auction. This information is highly competitively sensitive. Public disclosure of this information would be highly prejudicial to the bidding parties and to the viability of any future auction in Ohio. Keeping this material confidential is consistent with the Commission's actions in prior auction matters. A redacted version of the Notification of CBP Auction Results has been filed publicly in this docket.

Respectfully submitted,

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that a true copy of the foregoing **Motion for a Protective Order** submitted on behalf of the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio was served via electronic mail upon applicant's counsel, Elizabeth H. Watts, Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., 155 East State Street, Suite 2100, Columbus, Ohio, 43215, elizabeth.watts@duke-energy.com, the following parties of record, this 22nd day of March, 2017.

/s/ Thomas W. McNamee

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