

In the Matter of the Procurement of :
Standard Service Offer Generation for : Case No. 15-792-EL-UNC
Customers of Ohio Power Company :

The Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Staff) requests that both the Report of the Commission Consultant Regarding AEP Ohio's March 2017 Standard Service Offer Auction and the Final Report of the Auction Manager, AEP Ohio CBP, dated March 28, 2017 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 Consultant Regarding AEP Ohio's March 2017 Standard Service Offer Auction and the Final Report of the Auction Manager, AEP Ohio CBP, dated March 28, 2017 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 Ohio Power 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 Final Report of the Auction Manager, AEP Ohio CBP, dated March 28, 2017 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 by regular U.S. mail, postage prepaid, or via electronic mail, upon the following parties of record, this 29th day of March, 2017.

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