

**BEFORE
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of	:	
Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc.	:	Case No. 19-120-GA-UNC
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**MOTION FOR A PROTECTIVE ORDER
SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF THE STAFF OF
THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

The Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Staff) hereby requests that the names of the participating bidders in the recent auction for natural gas supplies be kept confidential for fifteen days pursuant to O.A.C. 4901-1-24. The accompanying memorandum in support sets forth the grounds for this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

On January 15, 2019, an auction was held to procure natural gas supplies for Standard Service Offer (SSO) and Standard Choice Offer (SCO) customers of Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. (VEDO). On the same date, the Staff filed a report concerning the results of the auction. In this report, Staff does not disclose the names of the participating and winning bidders.

Staff requests that the names of the participating and winning bidders be kept confidential for a period of fifteen days. This is necessary in order to protect the bidders' positions in negotiations with pipelines for the incremental capacity necessary to meet their obligations to deliver gas if chosen as a supplier. This information warrants protection as a trade secret because immediate release of this information would cause serious economic harm to the auction participants. Therefore, the Commission should grant a protective order keeping this information under seal for a period of fifteen days.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that a true copy of the foregoing **Motion for 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 hand-delivered, upon the following Parties of Record, this 15th day of January, 2019.

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