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Re: *In the Matter of the gridSMART Phase 2 Rider*
Operational Savings Status Update, Case No. 18-192-EL-
UNC

Dear Ms. Troupe:

In accordance with February 1, 2017 Opinion and Order in Case 13-1939-EL-RDR ("gridSMART Phase 2 Order"), Ohio Power Company ("AEP Ohio" or the "Company") hereby provides this operating savings status report. The gridSMART Phase 2 Order requires quarterly status updates and recommendations regarding the progress of implementation and development of the operational savings credit. gridSMART Phase 2 Order at 26.

AEP Ohio presents this summary in coordination with its most recent gridSMART Phase 2 true-up filing in Case No. 19-1029-EL-RDR. That filing, consistent with the Stipulation approved in Case No. 13-1939-EL-RDR, includes a credit of \$400,000 for operational savings. On November 7, 2018 in Case No. 18-1618-EL-RDR, the Commission directed Staff to issue a request for proposal (RFP) for a gridSMART Phase 1 and 2 operational benefits assessment. On December 19, 2018 the audit was awarded to Daymark Energy Advisors. The final audit report was filed with the Commission on April 12, 2019 as set forth in the RFP proposal. The Company will continue providing quarterly status reports based on the quarterly credit approved in the Stipulation and provide additional updates on the Operational Benefits Assessment process as it develops.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,

/s/ Steven T. Nourse

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