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**Docketing Division** Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus OH 43215

RE: In the Matter of the East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Ohio for Approval of an Alternative Form of Regulation, Case No. 19-0468-GA-ALT

## Dear Docketing Division:

In an entry issued on August 14, 2019, the Commission directed Staff to issue a request for proposal (RFP) for audit services to assist the Commission with an audit of Dominion Energy Ohio's (Dominion, Company) capital expenditure program (CEP) and associated CEP costs and deferrals. Under the timeline set forth in the RFP, the draft audit repot must be presented to staff by February 19, 2020 and the final audit report must be filed with the Commission by February 26, 2020. On September 11, 2019 the Commission awarded the RFP to Blue Ridge Consulting Services, Inc.

On December 20, 2019, Dominion filed a request for a 60-day extension of all deadlines reflected in the RFP timeline, with the final audit report to be filed with the Commission by April 27, 2020. The reason for the extension is to allow the Company more time to fully respond to the auditor's data requests. Dominion acknowledges that the Company will bear any costs associated with this extension.

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the request for an extension of time. However, Staff would be disinclined to recommend further continuances in the future.

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