# Before The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. for	)	Case No. 19-29-GA-ATA
Approval of a Tax Savings Credit Rider	)	

# JOINT MOTION TO SUSPEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED RULING

In accordance with Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-12(A) and 4901-1-13(A), Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. ("VEDO" or "the Company"), the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("Staff"), and the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel ("OCC") (collectively, "Joint Movants") respectfully request that the Commission suspend the procedural schedule set forth in the April 24, 2020 Entry. The parties to this proceeding have made significant progress on reaching a settlement of issues in this case and appear to be on the cusp of a final settlement. Joint Movants seek the requested suspension to allow the parties to focus on finalizing a settlement. Joint Movants anticipate filing a stipulation in the next couple of weeks, but in the event a stipulation is not reached, Joint Movants would notify the Commission by May 22, 2020.

Given the timing of this motion relative to the upcoming procedural deadlines, and to ensure parties are able to devote the necessary time to settlement discussions, Joint Movants also request an expedited ruling on this motion in accordance with Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-12(C) and certify that no party objects to the issuance of an immediate ruling or to the requested suspension. The grounds for this motion are set forth more fully in the following memorandum in support.

## Respectfully submitted,

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#### **MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT**

In accordance with Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-12(A) and 4901-1-13(A), Joint Movants respectfully request that the Commission suspend the procedural schedule set forth in the April 24, 2020 Entry, and request the ability to address any need for a procedural schedule by motion or as part of a Stipulation within the next two weeks. Joint Movants seek the requested suspension to allow more time to continue settlement negotiations.

On April 24, 2020, the Attorney Examiner issued an Entry establishing the following procedural schedule in this proceeding:

- May 15, 2020: Deadline for filing motions to intervene
- May 22, 2020: Deadline for filing initial comments
- June 8, 2020: Deadline for filing reply comments

Entry at ¶ 9 (Apr. 24, 2020).

OCC is the only intervenor in this case. The parties have been engaged in settlement discussions and the parties appear to be close to a settlement. The Joint Movants anticipate being able to file a Stipulation and Recommendation within the next

two weeks. If for some reason a settlement is not able to be reached in that timeframe, the Company will notify the Commission by May 22, 2020.

Given the timing of this motion relative to the upcoming deadlines, and to ensure parties are able to devote the necessary time to settlement discussions, Joint Movants also request an expedited ruling on this motion in accordance with Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-12(C). Joint Movants certify that no party objects to the issuance of an immediate ruling or to the requested suspension.

Accordingly, to facilitate Joint Movants' continued efforts toward settlement of the issues in this case, Joint Movants respectfully request that the existing procedural schedule in these proceedings be suspended indefinitely.

Dated: May 8, 2020 Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

In accordance with Rule 4901-1-05, Ohio Administrative Code, the PUCO's e-filing system will electronically serve notice of the filing of this document upon the following parties. In addition, I hereby certify that a service copy of the foregoing Joint Motion to Suspend Procedural Schedule and Request for Expedited Ruling was sent by, or on behalf of, the undersigned counsel for Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio, Inc. to the following parties of record this 8th day of May 2020, via electronic transmission.

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