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M. Beth Trombold, Acting Chair

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

RE: In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company, Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., The Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, The Ohio Edison Company, and The Dayton Power and Light Company for Approval of the Energy Efficiency and Peak Demand Reduction Program Portfolio Plans for 2017 through 2020.

Enclosed please find the Staff's letter addressing cumulative energy savings achieved by all Ohio electric distribution utilities for years 2009 – 2020 per Ohio Revised Code 4928.66(G)(1) in Cases No. 16-0574-EL-POR, 16-0576-EL-POR, 16-0743-EL-POR, and 17-1398-EL-POR.

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## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Ohio Power Company for Approval of the Energy Efficiency and Peak Demand Reduction Program Portfolio Plan.

Case No. 16-574-EL-POR

In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for Approval of its 2017-2019 Energy Efficiency and Peak Demand Reduction Program Portfolio Plan.

Case No. 16-576-EL-POR

In the Matter of the Application of the Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and The Toledo Edison Company for Approval of Their Energy Efficiency and Peak Demand Reduction Program Portfolio Plans for 2017 through 2019.

Case No. 16-743-EL-POR

In the Matter of the Application of Dayton Power and Light Company for Approval of its Energy Efficiency and Peak Demand Reduction Program Portfolio Plan for 2018-2020.

Case No. 17-1398-EL-POR

## STAFF LETTER

On October 23, 2019, Ohio House Bill 6 (HB6) became effective and modified the individual annual energy efficiency targets of each electric distribution utility (EDU) to a statewide, cumulative energy savings requirement of 17.5%. Further, HB 6 directed the Commission to determine, by February 1, 2021, the cumulative energy savings achieved, since 2009, by all EDUs as of December 31, 2020, including all energy savings achieved and banked using a baseline of the average of the adjusted total kilowatt hours sold in calendar years 2018, 2019, and 2020.<sup>1</sup>

To determine the energy efficiency savings collectively achieved to date, Staff asked each of the EDUs to provide data demonstrating energy savings achieved through the end of 2020. Using the updated data provided by each EDU, Staff determined that the cumulative energy savings goal of 17.5 % of the 2021 baseline has been met with approximately 19.8% cumulative energy savings by the Ohio utilities, collectively. Staff notes that although the energy savings reported by the EDUs are preliminary until

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> R.C. 4928.66(G)(1). 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

finalized numbers are reported in the annual status reports due May 15, 2021, we do not anticipate final energy saving to deviate greatly from current energy savings estimations in a way that would prevent the energy mandate from being met.

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