# MBEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Review of the	)	
Reconciliation Rider of Duke Energy Ohio,	)	Case No. 20-167-EL-RDR
Inc.	)	

# MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER BY OFFICE OF THE OHIO CONSUMERS' COUNSEL

The Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel ("OCC") hereby moves the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") for a protective order regarding information asserted to be confidential by the Duke Energy Ohio ("Duke"). As part of discovery in this proceeding, Duke provided information to OCC, subject to a protective agreement, and Duke asserts that this information constitutes trade secret information under Ohio law.

OCC hereby requests that, in accordance with Ohio Adm. Code. 4901-1-02(E), the PUCO issue such order as is necessary to protect the undisclosed (redacted) portions of the Testimony of Devi Glick on Behalf of the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (the "Glick Testimony") that are asserted to be confidential by Duke. Subject to OCC's rights under the protective agreement, OCC is filing the Glick Testimony under seal and is also filing a public version that shows all information not claimed by the Duke to be confidential.

By filing this motion, OCC does not concede that the information constitutes trade secret information. But OCC acknowledges that it has obtained this information under a protective agreement with Duke that provides for such information to be treated as confidential and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This Motion is filed pursuant to Ohio Am. Code 4901-1-02(E), 4901-1-12, and 4901-1-24(D).

protected unless and until the PUCO rules that the information must be publicly disclosed under Ohio law.

The grounds for this motion are more fully described in the accompanying memorandum in support.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT

OCC files this Motion contemporaneously with the filing of the Glick Testimony. In filing this motion, OCC does not concede that the information in the Glick Testimony is trade secret information pursuant to R.C. 1333.61(D) and does not concede that the information deserves protection from public revelation under Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-24(D).

OCC understands that Duke considers the undisclosed (redacted) information to be confidential and deserving of the protection of trade secret information as defined in R.C. 1333.61(D). OCC's understanding is based on allegations by Duke that the information (1) derives economic value, actual or potential, from not being known to, and not being readily ascertainable by proper means by others, and (2) is the subject of efforts that are reasonable under the circumstances to maintain its secrecy. *See* R.C. 1333.61(D). Under the assertions made by Duke, at this time, confidential treatment of the redacted information in the Glick Testimony would be appropriate, unless and until the PUCO rules that the information must be publicly disclosed under Ohio law.

In addition, OCC is filing a public version of the Glick Testimony so that all information not claimed by Duke to be confidential is accessible for the public's review. The public version does not contain information that was asserted by Duke to be confidential.

For the foregoing reasons and subject to the foregoing reservations of rights, this motion should be granted at this time.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the Motion for Protective Order was served on the persons stated below via electronic transmission this 26th day of October 2021.

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