

**BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Review of the Power)	
Purchase Agreement Rider of Ohio Power)	Case No. 18-1004-EL-RDR
Company for 2018.)	
)	
In the Matter of the Review of the Power)	
Purchase Agreement Rider of Ohio Power)	Case No. 18-1759-EL-RDR
Company for 2019.)	

NRDC’S MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

Pursuant to Rule 4901-1-24, Ohio Administrative Code, the Natural Resources Defense Council (“NRDC”) respectfully requests that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (“Commission”) issue a protective order for the confidentiality of portions of NRDC’s Initial Brief, which was filed on March 18, 2022, in this proceeding. NRDC seeks this protective order for the reasons set forth in the attached Memorandum in Support.

Dated: March 18, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF
NRDC’S MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Contemporaneous with this Motion, NRDC has filed NRDC’s Initial Brief in this proceeding. NRDC has filed its Initial Brief in both a redacted, public form and in an unredacted form under seal. By this Motion, NRDC requests confidential treatment of the unredacted portions of NRDC’s Initial Brief filed under seal, which include confidential information provided to NRDC by the Ohio Power Company (“AEP Ohio”).

NRDC received information from AEP Ohio pursuant to a non-disclosure agreement (“NDA”) between NRDC and AEP Ohio. AEP Ohio has designated certain information produced under this NDA as competitively sensitive confidential and/or trade secrets and has produced the information subject to this NDA. Some of this information is included in NRDC’s Initial Brief. NRDC seeks protective treatment for this AEP Ohio-provided information that is being filed under seal. NRDC reserves the right to challenge whether the information is a confidential trade secret under Ohio law, but files this Motion for Protective Order and Memorandum in Support pursuant to a protective agreement with AEP Ohio.

Rule 4901-1-24(D), O.A.C., provides that the Commission or certain designated employees may issue an order which is necessary to protect the confidentiality of information contained in documents filed with the Commission's Docketing Division to the extent that state or federal law prohibits the release of the information and where non-disclosure of the information is not inconsistent with the purposes of Title 49 of the Revised Code. Trade secrets, as referenced in Rule 4901:1-24(D) and defined in R.C. 1333.61(D), are subject to protection from public disclosure by the Commission. In sum, NRDC seeks protective treatment for this AEP Ohio-provided information that is being filed under seal.

NRDC respectfully requests that this Motion for Protective Order be granted for the reasons set forth herein.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing NRDC 's Motion for Protective Order has been served upon the following parties via electronic mail on March 18, 2022.

/s Robert Dove

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