

**BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO**

In the Matter of the Application of	:	
Ohio Power Company for Authority	:	Case No 23-0023-EL-SSO
to Establish a Standard Service Offer	:	
Pursuant to R.C. 4928.143 in the	:	
Form of an Electric Security Plan.	:	
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In the Matter of the Application of	:	
Ohio Power Company for Approval	:	Case No 23-0024-EL-AAM
of Certain Accounting Authority.	:	

**MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE
AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION**

Pursuant to Ohio Adm. Code 4901-1-13(A), the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Staff) moves for a continuance of the evidentiary hearing currently set to commence on July 10, 2023. Staff asks that the hearing be rescheduled to commence on August 15, 2023, that the deadline for Staff to file testimony be reset to July 28, 2023. Staff represents that a continuance is necessary as the parties have actively been engaged in settlement negotiations, and additional time is necessary to explore whether a settlement can be achieved.

Pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-12(C), Staff requests an expedited ruling on this Motion. Staff has circulated a draft copy of this Motion to determine whether any party would object to the relief requested or expedited treatment. Staff certifies that, as of the filing of this Motion¹: (1) no party has objected to the granting of a continuance; and

¹ The Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel took no position on the Motion.

(2) OPAE objects to expedited treatment of this Motion because of scheduling conflicts the week of August 15th. Staff further certifies that a number of parties (ELPC, NOPEC, and RESA) were unable to consent to the proposed hearing date since they had been unable to ascertain the availability of their witnesses.

Staff further notes that Ohio Power Company has suggested postponing the Pre-Hearing Conference scheduled for Thursday, June 22, 2023, as premature should this Motion be granted. Staff takes no position on Ohio Power's request.

Respectfully submitted,

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**On Behalf of the Staff of the
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the **Motion for Continuance and Request for Expedited Consideration**, on behalf of the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, has been served upon the below-named counsel via electronic mail, this 16th day of June, 2023.

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