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BEFORE THE

PUBLIC UTILITES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of :
Columbus Southern Power Company : Case No. 05- 1365 -EL-UNC
For a Temporary Waiver of :
The Company's Tariff Definition of :
The Word "Month." :

REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY WAIVER

Columbus Southern Power Company (the Company) submits this Application for Commission approval of a temporary waiver of the definition of the word "month" as used in the Company's tariff, P.U.C.O. No. 5. The Terms and Conditions of Service, Original Sheet No. 3-5, Section 12, contained in P.U.C.O. No. 5 defines month "to be the time elapsed between two successive meter readings for the summer period of not less than 28 days nor more than 33 days apart and for the winter period of not less than 28 days nor more than 35 days apart." Because of the weekends and holidays in November and December, 2005 and January, 2006, the Company hereby requests that the billing cycles in December, 2005 and January, 2006 be allowed to be based on successive meter readings of not less than 28 days nor more than 38 days apart.

Without the temporary waiver, overtime work would be required and the Company's employees would have to work on weekends and holidays. There would also be an increase in the number of bills that would have to be estimated.

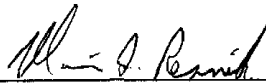
The temporary waiver would be for the months of December, 2005 and January, 2006 only. Since these are winter billing months, no customers' bills would be adversely affected by the longer billing periods. While no problems are expected to arise, if any customer would have a problem due to the extended billing period, the Company pledges

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to solve the problem on an informal basis. The Commission granted similar waiver requests for the Company in Case Nos. 02-2773-EL-UNC, Entry dated November 21, 2002, 03-2036-EL-UNC, Entry dated October 22, 2003, and 04-1710-EL-UNC, Entry dated December 1, 2004.

WHEREFORE, Columbus Southern Power Company requests a temporary waiver of the definition of the word "month" as used in the Company's tariff, P.U.C.O. No. 5, to allow for up to 38 days between successive meter readings for the months of December, 2005 and January, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,



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