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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. for an Increase in Its Natural Gas Distribution Rates.)))
))	Case No. 2014-0328
In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Tariff Approval.)))
))	Appeal from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Approval of an Alternative Rate Plan for Gas Distribution Service.)))
))	Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
))	Case Nos. 12-1685-GA-AIR
))	12-1686-GA-ATA
))	12-1687-GA-ALT
In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for Approval to Change Accounting Methods.))	12-1688-GA-AAM

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Counsel for the Appellants, the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel ("OCC"), the Kroger Company, Ohio Manufactures Association and Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy, as well as counsel for Appellee the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, and Duke Energy Ohio stipulate to a (10) ten-day extension of time for the filing of OCC's Appellant Brief, pursuant to S.Ct.Prac.R. 3.03(B)(2)(a)(i). OCC has not previously obtained an extension of time from the Court in this case.

OCC's Appellant Brief is currently due on May 14, 2014. Ten days after May 14, 2014, is Saturday, May 24, 2014. Under S.Ct.Prac.R. 3.03(A)(1), the date for filing OCC's Appellant Brief would be Tuesday, May 27, 2014.¹ Accordingly, the new date for the filing of all Appellant Briefs agreed to by the parties is May 27, 2014.²

¹ Monday, May 26, 2014, is a legal holiday. *See* S.Ct.Prac.R. 3.03(A)(1).

² Per the Court's rule, when one party receives an extension of time under S.Ct.Prac.R. 3.03(B)(2), the extension applies to all other parties on that side. S.Ct.Prac.R. 3.03(B)(3).

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the Stipulation for Extension of Time to File the Merit Brief of Appellant OCC was served upon all parties of record via electronic transmission this 13th day of May 2014.

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