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Ms. Betty McCauley, Secretary Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 E. Broad St., 11th Floor Columbus, OH 43215-3793

> Re: Case No. 11-5590-GA-ORD (Alternative Rate Plan and Exemption Rules) Requested Extensions of Time

Dear Ms. McCauley:

I am writing to inform you that the Ohio Gas Marketers Group and the Retail Energy Supply Association are both contemplating filing comments in the above case. The November 22, 2011 entry in this matter established deadlines for filing such comments on December 22, 2011 and January 23, 2012. Because of the complexity of the proposed rule changes and given the upcoming holiday season, the Ohio Gas Marketers Group and the Retail Energy Supply Association are writing to express their support for the requested 30 day extension of time filed by Columbia Gas of Ohio and the East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio on December 2 and by Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. on December 7, 2011.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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