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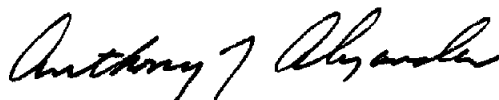
Re: Case No. 03-2144-EL-ATA

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

In a letter to you dated January 28, 2004, I stated that if the Commission did not approve by March 31, 2004, the Rate Stabilization Plan ("Plan") filed by Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and The Toledo Edison Company (the "Companies") as part of their Application in this case, the Plan would be deemed to be withdrawn as of that date, unless the Companies agree to an additional extension.

Inasmuch as the briefing schedule sets March 31, 2004 as the filing deadline for reply briefs, the Companies will again extend the decision date and hold open the option of approving the Plan until April 30, 2004, so as to provide the Commission with sufficient time to consider these briefs and render its decision. If the Commission does not approve the Plan by April 30, 2004, or if it makes any modifications to the Plan that are not accepted by the Companies in writing by that date, the Plan will be deemed to be withdrawn as of that date, unless the Companies agree to a further extension.

Sincerely,



cc: The Parties

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