

FORM OF GUARANTY

GUARANTY (this “Guaranty”), dated as of _____, made by _____ (the “Guarantor”), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of _____ in favor of The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, The Toledo Edison Company and Ohio Edison Company (the “Guaranteed Parties”), corporations organized and existing under the laws of the State of Ohio. Capitalized terms used herein but not defined herein shall have the meaning given such terms in the Agreement (defined below).

Guarantor enters into this Guaranty in consideration of, and as an inducement for, Guaranteed Parties having entered into or entering into that certain Master SSO Supply Agreement dated _____ (the “Agreement”) with _____ [Name], a _____ [State] [corporation] (the “SSO Supplier”), which may involve the extension of credit by the Guaranteed Parties. Guarantor, subject to the terms and conditions hereof, hereby unconditionally and absolutely guarantees to the Guaranteed Parties the full and prompt payment when due, upon demand in writing from the Guaranteed Parties to the Guarantor’s attention at the address for Guarantor set forth in Article 11 hereof, of any and all amounts payable by the SSO Supplier to the Guaranteed Parties arising out of the Agreement, and:

1. The Guarantor, as primary obligor and not merely as surety, hereby irrevocably and unconditionally guarantees the full and prompt payment when due (whether by acceleration or otherwise) of the principal and interest on any sums due and payable by the SSO Supplier as a result of an Event of Default under the Agreement (including indemnities, damages, fees and interest thereon, pursuant to the terms of the Agreement). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the maximum aggregate liability of the Guarantor under this Guaranty shall [Option 1 {in no event exceed _____}.} Option 2 {in no event exceed the lesser of the credit limit amount or the sum of the Total Exposures Amounts under the Agreement(s).}] All such principal, interest, obligations and liabilities, collectively, are the “Guaranteed Obligations”. This Guaranty is a guarantee of payment and not of collection.
2. The Guarantor hereby waives diligence, acceleration, notice of acceptance of this Guaranty and notice of any liability to which it may apply, and waives presentment and all demands whatsoever except as noted herein, notice of protest, notice of dishonor or nonpayment of any such liability, suit or taking of other action by any Guaranteed Party against, and any other notice to, any party liable thereon (including the Guarantor or any other guarantor), filing of claims with a court in the event of the insolvency or bankruptcy of the SSO Supplier, and any right to require a proceeding first against the SSO Supplier.

3. The Guaranteed Parties may, at any time and from time to time, without notice to or consent of the Guarantor, without incurring responsibility to the Guarantor and without impairing or releasing the obligations of the Guarantor hereunder, upon or without any terms or conditions: (i) take or refrain from taking any and all actions with respect to the Guaranteed Obligations, any document or any person (including the SSO Supplier) that the Guaranteed Parties determine in their sole discretion to be necessary or appropriate; (ii) take or refrain from taking any action of any kind in respect of any security for any Guaranteed Obligation(s) or liability of the SSO Supplier to the Guaranteed Parties; or (iii) compromise or subordinate any Guaranteed Obligation(s) or liability of the SSO Supplier to the Guaranteed Parties including any security therefore.

4. Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, the obligations of the Guarantor under this Guaranty are absolute and unconditional and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, shall not be released, discharged or otherwise affected by: (i) any extension, renewal, settlement, compromise, waiver, consent, discharge or release of the SSO Supplier concerning any provision of the Agreement(s) in respect of any Guaranteed Obligations of the SSO Supplier; (ii) the rendering of any judgment against the SSO Supplier or any action to enforce the same; (iii) the existence, or extent of, any release, exchange, surrender, non-perfection or invalidity of any direct or indirect security for any of the Guaranteed Obligations (to which the Guarantor hereby consents) ; (iv) any modification, amendment, waiver, extension of or supplement to any of the Agreement(s) or the Guaranteed Obligations agreed to from time to time by the SSO Supplier and the Guaranteed Parties; (v) any change in the corporate existence (including its constitution, laws, rules, regulations or powers), structure or ownership of the SSO Supplier or the Guarantor, or any insolvency, bankruptcy, reorganization or other similar proceedings affecting the SSO Supplier or its assets, the Guarantor or any other guarantor of any of the Guaranteed Obligations; (vi) the existence of any claim, set-off or other rights which the Guarantor may have at any time against the SSO Supplier, the Guaranteed Parties or any other corporation or person, whether in connection herewith or in connection with any unrelated transaction; provided that nothing herein shall prevent the assertion of any such claim by separate suit or compulsory counterclaim; (vii) the invalidity, irregularity or unenforceability in whole or in part of the Agreement or any Guaranteed Obligations or any instrument evidencing any Guaranteed Obligations or the absence of any action to enforce the same, or any provision of applicable law or regulation purporting to prohibit payment by the SSO Supplier of amounts to be paid by it under the Agreement or any of the Guaranteed Obligations; and (viii) except for a failure to comply with any applicable statute of limitations, any other act or omission to act or delay of any kind of the SSO Supplier, any other guarantor, the Guaranteed Parties or any other corporation or person or any other event, occurrence or circumstance whatsoever which might, but for the provisions of this paragraph, constitute a legal or equitable discharge of the Guarantor's obligations hereunder.

5. The Guarantor hereby irrevocably waives (i) any right of reimbursement or contribution, and (ii) any right of salvage against the SSO Supplier or any collateral security or guaranty or right of offset held by the Guaranteed Parties therefor.
6. The Guarantor will not exercise any rights which it may acquire by way of subrogation until all Guaranteed Obligations to the Guaranteed Parties pursuant to the Agreement have been paid in full.
7. Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, this Guaranty is a continuing one and all liabilities to which it applies or may apply under the terms hereof shall be conclusively presumed to have been created in reliance hereon. Except for a failure to comply with any applicable statute of limitations, no failure or delay on the part of the Guaranteed Parties in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder, and no course of dealing between the Guarantor and the Guaranteed Parties, shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, power or privilege hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege. The rights, powers and remedies herein expressly provided are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights, powers or remedies, which the Guaranteed Parties would otherwise have. No notice to or demand on the Guarantor in any case shall entitle the Guarantor to any other or further notice of demand in similar or other circumstances or constitute a waiver of the rights of the Guaranteed Parties to any other or further action in any circumstances without notice or demand.
8. This Guaranty shall be binding upon the Guarantor and upon its successors and assigns and shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Guaranteed Parties and their successors and assigns; provided, however, that the Guarantor may not assign or transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the Guaranteed Parties. The assignment rights of the Guaranteed Parties will be in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.
9. Neither this Guaranty nor any provision hereof may be changed, waived, discharged or terminated except upon written agreement of the Guaranteed Parties and the Guarantor.
10. The Guarantor agrees that its liability as guarantor shall continue and remain in full force and effect in the event that all or any part of any payment made hereunder or any obligation or liability guaranteed hereunder is recovered (as a fraudulent conveyance, preference or otherwise) rescinded or must otherwise be reinstated or returned due to bankruptcy or insolvency laws or otherwise.
11. All notices and other communications hereunder shall be made at the addresses by hand delivery, by the next day delivery service effective upon receipt or by certified mail return receipt requested (effective upon scheduled weekday delivery day) or telefacsimile (effective upon receipt of evidence, including telefacsimile evidence, that telefacsimile was received):

If to the Guarantor:
[To be completed]

If to the Guaranteed Parties:

Credit Risk Management
FirstEnergy Service Company
341 White Pond Drive, B2
Akron, OH 44320
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Copy to:

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12. If claim is ever made upon the Guaranteed Parties for repayment or recovery of any amount or amounts received in payment or on account of any of the Guaranteed Obligations and the Guaranteed Parties repay all or part of such amount by reason of (i) any judgment, decree or order of any court or administrative body having jurisdiction over such payee or any of its property, or (ii) any settlement or compromise of any such claim effected by such payee with any such claimant (including the Guarantor), then and in such event the Guarantor agrees that any such judgment, decree, order, settlement or compromise shall be binding upon it, notwithstanding any

revocation hereof or the cancellation of the Agreement or other instrument evidencing any liability of the Guarantor, and the Guarantor shall be and remain liable to the Guaranteed Parties hereunder for the amount so repaid or recovered to the same extent as if such amount had never originally been received by any such payee.

13. The Guarantor hereby certifies that it satisfies the Minimum Rating as defined in the Agreement.
14. This Guaranty shall remain in full force and effect until all Guaranteed Obligations have been fully and finally performed, at which point it will expire. The Guarantor may terminate this Guaranty upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the Guaranteed Parties, which termination shall be effective only upon receipt by the Guaranteed Parties of alternative means of security or credit support, as specified in the Agreement and in a form reasonably acceptable to the Guaranteed Parties. Upon the effectiveness of any such expiration or termination, the Guarantor shall have no further liability under this Guaranty, except with respect to the Guaranteed Obligations entered into prior to the time the expiration or termination is effective, which Guaranteed Obligations shall remain guaranteed pursuant to the terms of this Guaranty until finally and fully performed.
15. The Guarantor represents and warrants that: (i) it is duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the jurisdiction in which it was organized and has the power and authority to execute, deliver, and perform this Guaranty; (ii) no authorization, approval, consent or order of, or registration or filing with, any court or other governmental body having jurisdiction over the Guarantor is required on the part of the Guarantor for the execution, delivery and performance of this Guaranty except for those already made or obtained; (iii) this Guaranty constitutes a valid and legally binding agreement of the Guarantor, and is enforceable against the Guarantor, except as the enforceability of this Guaranty may be limited by the effect of any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and by general principles of equity; and (iv) the execution, delivery and performance of this Guaranty by the Guarantor have been and remain duly authorized by all necessary corporate or comparable action and do not contravene any provision of its _____ [*insert appropriate corporate organizational document, such as Declaration of Trust, Limited Liability Agreement, Articles of Incorporation or by-laws*] or any law, regulation or contractual restriction binding on it or its assets.
16. This Guaranty and the rights and obligations of the SSO Supplier and the Guarantor hereunder shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Ohio. The Guarantor and Guaranteed Parties agree to the exclusive jurisdiction of State and federal courts located in the State of Ohio over any disputes arising from or relating to this Guaranty and waive any objections to venue or inconvenient forum. The Guarantor and Guaranteed Parties each hereby irrevocably waive any and all rights to trial by jury with respect to any legal proceeding arising out of or relating to this Guaranty.

17. This writing is the complete and exclusive statement of the terms of this Guaranty and supersedes all prior oral or written representations, understandings, and agreements between the Guaranteed Parties and the Guarantor with respect to subject matter hereof. The Guaranteed Parties and the Guarantor agree that there are no conditions to the full effectiveness of this Guaranty.
18. Every provision of this Guaranty is intended to be severable. If any term or provision hereof is declared to be illegal or invalid for any reason whatsoever by a court of competent jurisdiction, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect the balance of the terms and provisions hereof, which terms and provisions shall remain binding and enforceable. This Guaranty may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original, but all of which together shall constitute one instrument.
19. No trustee or shareholder of Guarantor shall be held to any liability whatsoever for any obligation under this Guaranty, and such Guaranty shall not be enforceable against any such trustee in his or her individual capacity. This Guaranty shall be enforceable against the trustees of Guarantor only as such, and every person, firm, association, trust or corporation having any claim or demand arising under this Guaranty and relating to Guarantor, its shareholders or trustees shall look solely to the trust estate of Guarantor for the payment or satisfaction thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Guarantor has caused this Guaranty to be executed and delivered as of the date first above written to be effective as of the earliest effective date of any of the Agreement.

[GUARANTOR]

By: _____
 Title:

Accepted and Agreed to:

The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company
 By: _____
 Name:
 Title:
 Date:

Ohio Edison Company
 By: _____
 Name:
 Title:
 Date:

The Toledo Edison Company
 By: _____
 Name:
 Title:
 Date: