

**FORM OF SSO SUPPLIER LETTER OF CREDIT**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

Letter of Credit No. \_\_\_\_\_

To: The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, Ohio Edison Company, and The Toledo Edison Company (“Beneficiaries”)

1. We hereby establish in your favor this irrevocable transferable Letter of Credit (this “Letter of Credit”) for the account of \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Applicant”), in the aggregate amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, effective immediately and available to you at sight upon demand at our counters at \_\_\_\_\_ and expiring 364 days from date of issuance or any extension thereof (in the form of Annex 5), unless terminated earlier or automatically extended, in accordance with the provisions hereof or otherwise extended.
2. This Letter of Credit is issued at the request of the Applicant, and we hereby irrevocably authorize you to draw on us, in accordance with the terms and conditions hereof, up to the maximum amount of this Letter of Credit, subject to reduction as provided in paragraph 12 hereof. This Letter of Credit may be drawn upon an Event of Default under that certain Master SSO Supply Agreement between the Applicant and you, dated \_\_\_\_\_.
3. A partial or full drawing hereunder may be made by you on any Business Day on or prior to the expiration of this Letter of Credit by delivering, by no later than 11:00 A.M. (prevailing Eastern Time<sup>1</sup>) on such Business Day to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ <sup>1</sup> If the issuer of the Letter of Credit is located in an area that is not in the Eastern time zone, this time and

(Bank), \_\_\_\_\_ (address), (i) a notice executed by you in the form of Annex 1 hereto, appropriately completed and duly signed by an Authorized Officer of each of the Beneficiaries and (ii) your draft in the form of Annex 2 hereto, appropriately completed and duly signed by an Authorized Officer of each of the Beneficiaries. "Authorized Officer" shall mean President, Treasurer, any Vice President, any Assistant Treasurer or any other person holding an equivalent title.

4. We may, but shall not be obligated to, accept any request to issue a substitute letter of credit. Such request shall be in an Availability Certificate in the form of Annex 3 hereto by you to us for exchange for a new letter of credit in the amount set forth in an Availability Certificate, which amount shall not exceed the present value of this Letter of Credit. Upon acceptance by us of any such request to issue a substitute letter of credit for exchange, the new letter of credit shall be issued in the amount as set forth in the Availability Certificate.
5. We hereby agree to honor a drawing hereunder made in compliance with the terms and provisions of this Letter of Credit by transferring in immediately available funds the amount specified in the draft delivered to us in connection with such drawing to such account at such bank in the United States as you may specify in your draft delivered to us pursuant to Paragraph 3 hereof, by 3:00 P.M. prevailing Eastern Time on the date of such drawing, if delivery of this requisite document is made prior to 11:00 A.M. (prevailing Eastern time) on a business day pursuant to Paragraph 3 herein above, but at the opening of business on the first Business Day next succeeding the date of such

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all other times in this Letter of Credit, and the definition of a business day should be adjusted accordingly.

drawing if delivery of the requisite document is made after 11:00 A.M. (prevailing Eastern time) on any Business Day pursuant to Paragraph 3 herein above.

6. If a demand for payment made by you hereunder does not, in any instance, conform to the terms and conditions of this Letter of Credit, we shall give you prompt notice (not later than three (3) Business Days following the date of receipt of the documents) that the demand for payment was not effected in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Letter of Credit, stating the reasons therefore and that we will upon your instructions hold any documents at your disposal or return the same to you. Upon being notified that the demand for payment was not effected in conformity with this Letter of Credit, you may attempt to correct any such non-conforming demand for payment to the extent that you are entitled to do so, provided, however, that in such event a conforming demand for payment must be timely made in accordance with the terms of this Letter of Credit.
7. This Letter of Credit will automatically terminate and be delivered to us for cancellation on the earliest of (i) the making by you of the drawings in an amount equal to the maximum amount available to be made hereunder; (ii) the date we issue a new letter of credit in exchange for this Letter of Credit in accordance with paragraph 4 herein above; and (iii) the date we receive from you a Certificate of Expiration in the form of Annex 4 hereto. The Letter of Credit will be automatically extended without written amendment for successive additional one- (1) year periods from the current or any future extended expiry date, unless at least ninety (90) days prior to such date of expiration, we give written notice to Beneficiaries by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, or by overnight courier, at the address set forth above, or at such

other address of which prior written notice has been provided to us, that we elect not to renew this irrevocable standby Letter of Credit for such additional one (1) year period.

8. As used herein:

“Availability Certificate” shall mean a certificate substantially in the form of Annex 3 hereto, appropriately completed and duly signed by your Authorized Officer.

“Business Day” shall mean any day on which commercial banks are not authorized or required to close in New York, NY and any day on which payments can be effected on the Fed wire system.

9. This Letter of Credit is assignable and transferable, in accordance with Annex 6, to an entity certified by you to us in the form of Annex 6, and we hereby consent to such assignment or transfer, provided that this Letter of Credit may not otherwise be amended or modified without consent from us, you and the Applicant, and, except as otherwise expressly stated herein, is subject to the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits – 2007 Revision, ICC Publication No. 600, or any successor publication thereto (the “UCP”). Any and all transfer fees, expenses and costs shall be borne by the Applicant. This Letter of Credit shall, as to matters not governed by the UCP, be governed and construed in accordance with New York law, without regard to principles of conflicts of law.

10. This Letter of Credit sets forth in full our undertaking, and such undertaking shall not in any way be modified, amended, changed, amplified or limited by reference to any document, instrument or agreement referred to herein, except for Annexes 1 through 6 hereto and the notices referred to herein; and any such reference shall not be deemed

to incorporate herein by reference any document, instrument or agreement except as set forth above.

11. We certify that as of \_\_\_\_\_(date) we \_\_\_\_\_ (“Bank”) satisfy either the senior unsecured debt rating of “A” from Standard & Poor’s Rating Service or the senior unsecured debt rating of “A2” from Moody’s Rating Service.
12. The amount which may be drawn by you under this Letter of Credit shall be automatically reduced by the amount of any drawings paid through us referencing this Letter of Credit No. \_\_\_\_\_. Partial drawings are permitted hereunder.
13. Faxed document(s) are acceptable. Presentation by fax must be made to fax number \_\_\_\_\_ confirmed by telephone to \_\_\_\_\_.
14. In the event of act of God, riot, civil commotion, insurrection, war, terrorism or any strikes or lock outs, or any cause beyond our control, that interrupts our business, and causes the place for presentation of this letter of credit to be closed for business on the last day of presentation, the expiration date of this letter of credit shall be automatically extended without amendment to a date thirty (30) calendar days after the place for presentation reopens for business.
15. This original letter of credit has been sent to the Beneficiaries located at \_\_\_\_\_ above (as per Applicant’s instructions). The aggregate amount paid to the Companies during the validity of this Letter of Credit will not exceed the amount of this Letter of Credit. Any demands or communications in the form of the attached Annexes (except for Annex 5) or other communications directed to us under this Letter of Credit must be signed by an Authorized Officer of the Beneficiaries.

Acceptance or rejection of any amendments to this Letter of Credit or any extensions pursuant to Annex 5 must be signed by an Authorized Officer of each of the Beneficiaries.

Very truly yours,  
(Bank)

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

**Annex 1 to Letter of Credit**

DRAWING UNDER LETTER OF CREDIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

To: (Bank)  
(Address)

Attention: Standby Letter of Credit Unit

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The undersigned is making a drawing under the above-referenced Letter of Credit in the amount specified below and hereby certifies to you as follows:

1. Capitalized terms used and not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Letter of Credit.
2. Pursuant to Paragraph 2 of the Letter of Credit No. \_\_\_\_\_, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, the undersigned is entitled to make a drawing under the Letter of Credit in the aggregate amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, due to an Event of Default under any Master SSO Supply Agreement between the Applicant and us.
3. The amount to be received by The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company is \$ \_\_\_\_\_, the amount to be received by The Toledo Edison Company is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and the amount to be received by The Ohio Edison Company is \$ \_\_\_\_\_, for a total equal to the aggregate amount in the previous paragraph.
4. We acknowledge that, upon your honoring the drawing herein requested, the amount of the Letter of Credit available for drawing shall be automatically decreased by an amount equal to this drawing.

Very truly yours,

The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:  
Date:

Ohio Edison Company  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:  
Date:

The Toledo Edison Company  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:  
Date:

**Annex 2 to Letter of Credit**

DRAWING UNDER LETTER OF CREDIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

ON [Business Day set forth in Paragraph 5]

PAY TO:           The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

For credit to the account of \_\_\_\_\_.

PAY TO:           Ohio Edison Company

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

For credit to the account of \_\_\_\_\_.

PAY TO:           The Toledo Edison Company

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

For credit to the account of \_\_\_\_\_.

FOR VALUE RECEIVED AND CHARGE TO ACCOUNT OF LETTER OF CREDIT  
NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF

(Bank)  
(Address)

The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Date:

Ohio Edison Company

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Date:

The Toledo Edison Company

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Date:

**Annex 3 to Letter of Credit**

AVAILABILITY CERTIFICATE  
UNDER LETTER OF CREDIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_  
To: (Bank)  
(Address)

Attention: Standby Letter of Credit Unit

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Each of the undersigned hereby requests that, in exchange for the above-referenced Letter of Credit, a new letter of credit be issued in the aggregate amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (the "New Amount") and to expire on \_\_\_\_\_ (date), but otherwise in the form of the above-referenced Letter of Credit.

Please acknowledge your intention to issue such new letter of credit in the New Amount upon the surrender of the above-referenced Letter of Credit by signing the attached acknowledgment copy hereof and forwarding it to:

[Beneficiaries'  
Addresses]

Very truly yours,

The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:  
Date:

Ohio Edison Company  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:  
Date:

The Toledo Edison Company  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:  
Date:

Agreed and Accepted  
(Bank)  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title:  
Date:

APPLICANT NAME  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
Title:  
Date:

**Annex 4 to Letter of Credit**

CERTIFICATE OF EXPIRATION  
OF LETTER OF CREDIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

To: (Bank)  
(Address)

Attention: Standby Letter of Credit Unit

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The undersigned hereby certifies to you that the above-referenced Letter of Credit may be cancelled without payment. Attached hereto is said Letter of Credit, marked cancelled.

The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Date:

Ohio Edison Company

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Date:

The Toledo Edison Company

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Date:

cc: \_\_\_\_\_ (Applicant Name)

**Annex 5 to Letter of Credit**

NOTICE OF EXTENSION  
OF LETTER OF CREDIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

To The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, Ohio Edison Company and The Toledo Edison Company:

Re: Our Letter of Credit no. \_\_\_\_\_ presently in the aggregate amount of USD \_\_\_\_\_ issued for the account of \_\_\_\_\_ and expiring on \_\_\_\_\_.

On the expiration date of the Letter of Credit no. \_\_\_\_\_, we will issue a new Letter of Credit No. \_\_\_\_\_ to expire on \_\_\_\_\_ (date). This new Letter of Credit No. \_\_\_\_\_ will, aside from the expiration date, be in the amount and form of our Letter of Credit No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Very truly yours,

BANK \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Date:

The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Date:

Ohio Edison Company

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Date:

The Toledo Edison Company

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Date:

cc: \_\_\_\_\_ (Applicant Name)

**Annex 6 to Letter of Credit**

NOTICE OF TRANSFER  
OF LETTER OF CREDIT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

To:

[Bank]

[Bank Address]

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Credit \_\_\_\_\_

Issued by \_\_\_\_\_

Advice No \_\_\_\_\_

For the value received, the undersigned beneficiary hereby irrevocably transfers to:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Transferee)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)

all rights of the undersigned Beneficiaries to draw under the above Letter of Credit in its entirety.

By this transfer, all rights of the undersigned Beneficiaries in such Letter of Credit are transferred to the transferee and the transferee shall have the sole rights as beneficiary thereof, including sole rights relating to any amendments, whether increases, extensions or other amendments and whether now existing or hereafter made. All amendments are to be advised direct to the transferee without necessity of any consent of or notice to the undersigned beneficiary.

The advice of such Letter of Credit is returned herewith, and we ask you to endorse the transfer on the reverse thereof, and forward it directly to the transferee with your customary notice of transfer.

Very Truly Yours,

The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Date:

Ohio Edison Company

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Date:

The Toledo Edison Company

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

Date:

The above signature with title as stated conforms to that on file with us and is authorized for the execution of said instruments.

(Name of authenticating party)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Authorized signature of authenticating party)

Name

Title