March 2023 Auction under ESP IV Acceptable Modifications to the Pre-Bid Security Documents

This document contains a list of modifications to the Sample Pre-Bid Security Documents that are **ACCEPTABLE** to AEP Ohio on an optional basis.

Any Sample Pre-Bid Security Document relevant to the March 2023 auction is available on the "Information – Documents" page of the CBP website.

Acceptable Modifications to the Pre-Bid Letter of Credit

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H.1	①	[Date of Issuance]	
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	2 1.6	We hereby establish in your favor this irrevocable Letter of Credit (this "Letter of Credit") for the account of("the Bidder"), in the amount of \$, effective immediately and available to you at sight upon demand at our counters at[location] and expiring on[date] which is at least 60 calendar days from date of issuance Date of Issuance, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions hereof or otherwise extended.	
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	4 B.2	Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No	
		To: Ohio Power Company, an Ohio corporation ("AEP Ohio") c/o National Economic Research Associates, Inc. ("NERA") Auction Manager Via email: AEP-CBP@nera.com	

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Original Beneficiary			
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c/o Auct	To: Ohio Power Company, an Ohio corporation ("AEP Ohio") c/o National Economic Research Associates, Inc. ("NERA") Auction Manager Via email: AEP-CBP@nera.com		
Acce	otable Modifications to Beneficiary		
B.1	Letter of Credit No		
	To: Ohio Power Company, an Ohio corporation ("AEP Ohio") c/o National Economic Research Associates, Inc. ("NERA") Auction Manager Via email: AEP-CBP@nera.com		
	Applicant: (Full name and address)		
B.2	Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No		
	To: Ohio Power Company, an Ohio corporation ("AEP Ohio") c/o National Economic Research Associates, Inc. ("NERA") Auction Manager Via email: AEP-CBP@nera.com		
B.3	Letter of Credit No		
	To <u>Beneficiary</u> : Ohio Power Company, an Ohio corporation ("AEP Ohio") c/o National Economic Research Associates, Inc. ("NERA") Auction Manager Via email: <u>AEP-CBP@nera.com</u>		
B.4	Letter of Credit No		
	To: Ohio Power Company, an Ohio corporation ("AEP Ohio") c/o National Economic Research Associates, Inc. ("NERA") Auction Manager Via email: AEP-CBP@nera.com		
	Issue of a Standby Letter of Credit		

February 2, 2023

B.5 Letter of Credit No. _____

To: Ohio Power Company, an Ohio corporation ("AEP Ohio")

1 Riverside Plaza, 27th Floor
Columbus. Ohio 43215
c/o National Economic Research Associates, Inc. ("NERA")

Auction Manager

Via email: <u>AEP-CBP@nera.com</u>

Original Paragraph 1			
1.	We hereby establish in your favor this irrevocable Letter of Credit (this "Letter of Credit") for the account of("the Bidder"), in the amount of \$, effective immediately and available to you at sight upon demand at our counters at[location] and expiring on[date] which is at least 60 calendar days from date of issuance, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions hereof or otherwise extended.		
Acc	eptable Modifications to Paragraph 1		
1.1	We hereby establish in your favor this irrevocable Letter of Credit (this "Letter of Credit") for the account of("the Bidder"), in the amount of \$, effective immediately and available to you at sight upon demand at our counters at[location] and expiring on[date]—which is at least 60 calendar days from date of issuance, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions hereof or otherwise extended.		
	se note that modification 1.1 is acceptable <u>only if</u> the date listed is at least 60 calendar days In the date of issuance.		
1.2	We, [Issuing Bank], hereby establish in your favor this irrevocable Letter of Credit (this "Letter of Credit") for the account of		
1.3	We hereby establish in your favor this irrevocable Letter of Credit (this "Letter of Credit") for the account of("the Bidder"), in the amount of U.S. \$, effective immediately and available to you at sight upon demand at our counters at [location] and expiring on [date] which is at least 60 calendar days from date of issuance, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions hereof or otherwise extended.		
1.4	We hereby establish in your favor this irrevocable Letter of Credit (this "Letter of Credit") for the account of("the Bidder"), in the amount of \$[Amount in Words], effective immediately and available to you at sight upon demand at our counters at[location] and expiring on[date] which is at least 60 calendar days from date of issuance, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions hereof or otherwise extended.		
1.5	We hereby establish in your favor this irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit (this "Letter of Credit") for the account of("the Bidder"), in the amount of \$, effective immediately and available to you at sight upon demand at our counters at[location] and expiring on[date] which is at least 60 calendar days from date of issuance, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions hereof or otherwise extended.		

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<u>Or</u>		
	③ H.3 Date of Issuance: [Date]	
1.7	We hereby establish in your favor this irreveeable Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit (this "Letter of Credit") for the account of("the Bidder"), in the amount of \$, effective immediately and available to you at sight upon demand at our counters at[location] and expiring on[date] which is at least 60 calendar days from date of issuance, unless	
	terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions hereof or otherwise extended.	
1.8	We hereby establish in your favor this irrevocable Letter of Credit (this "Letter of Credit") for the account of("the Bidder"), in the amount of \$USD, effective immediately and available to you at sight upon demand at our counters at [location] and expiring on [date] which is at least 60 calendar days from date of issuance, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions hereof or otherwise extended.	
1.9	We hereby establish in your favor this irrevocable Letter of Credit (this "Letter of Credit") for the account of("the Bidder"), in the amount of \$, effective immediately and available to you at sight upon demand at our countersoffices at[location] and expiring on[date] which is at least 60 calendar days from date of issuance, unless terminated earlier in accordance with the provisions hereof or otherwise extended.	
1.10	We hereby establish in your favor this irrevocable Letter of Credit no. (this "Letter of Credit") for the account of	

- 2. This Letter of Credit is issued at the request of the Bidder, 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 11 hereof. This Letter of Credit may be drawn by presenting a certificate from you stating that the Bidder:
 - a) "has made a material omission or misrepresentation in the Part 1 Application or the Part 2 Application submitted by the Bidder to participate in AEP Ohio's Competitive Bidding Process for purposes of procuring supply under the Master Standard Service Offer ("SSO") Supply Agreement"; or
 - b) "has violated the bidding rules for AEP Ohio's Competitive Bidding Process for purposes of procuring supply under the Master Standard Service Offer ("SSO") Supply Agreement"; or
 - c) "has a winning bid in AEP Ohio's Competitive Bidding Process for purposes of procuring supply under the Master Standard Service Offer ("SSO") Supply Agreement and has failed to execute the Master SSO Supply Agreement within three (3) business days of the acceptance of the results by the Commission"; or
 - d) "has a winning bid in AEP Ohio's Competitive Bidding Process for purposes of procuring supply under the Master Standard Service Offer ("SSO") Supply Agreement and has failed to meet the creditworthiness requirements of the Master SSO Supply Agreement within three (3) business days of the acceptance of the results by the Commission (as defined in the Master SSO Supply Agreement)".

- c) "has a winning bid in AEP Ohio's Competitive Bidding Process for purposes of procuring supply under the Master Standard Service Offer ("SSO") Supply Agreement and has failed to execute the Master SSO Standard Service Offer ("SSO") Supply Agreement within three (3) business days of the acceptance of the results by the Commission"; or
- d) "has a winning bid in AEP Ohio's Competitive Bidding Process for purposes of procuring supply under the Master Standard Service Offer ("SSO") Supply Agreement and has failed to meet the creditworthiness requirements of the Master SSO Standard Service Offer ("SSO") Supply Agreement within three (3) business days of the acceptance of the results by the Commission (as defined in the Master SSO Supply Agreement)".
- d) "has a winning bid in AEP Ohio's Competitive Bidding Process for purposes of procuring supply under the Master Standard Service Offer ("SSO") Supply Agreement and has failed to meet the creditworthiness requirements of the Master SSO Supply Agreement within three (3) business days of the acceptance of the results by the Commission (as defined in the Master SSO Standard Service Offer ("SSO") Supply Agreement)".

February 2, 2023

- 2.4 This Letter of Credit is issued at the request of the Bidder, 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 11 hereof. This Letter of Credit may be drawn by presenting a certificate from you, <u>pursuant to Paragraph 3</u>, stating that the Bidder:
- 2.5 This Letter of Credit is issued at the request of the Bidder, 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 11 hereof. This Letter of Credit may be drawn by presenting the documents specified in Paragraph 3, including a certificate from you in the form of Annex 1, stating that the Bidder:
- 2.6 This Letter of Credit is issued at the request of the Bidder, 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 11 hereof. This Letter of Credit may be drawn by presenting a <u>dated</u> certificate from you stating that the Bidder:

	iginal Paragraph 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 Time¹) on such Business Day to [bank], [address], (i) a notice in the form of Annex 1 hereto, appropriately completed and duly signed by an Authorized Officer of AEP Ohio and (ii) your draft in the form of Annex 2 hereto, appropriately completed and duly signed by an Authorized Officer of AEP Ohio.
	¹ If the issuer of the Letter of Credit is located in an area that is not in the Eastern time zone, this time, all other times in this Letter of Credit, and the definition of a Business Day should be adjusted accordingly.
A	eptable Modifications to Paragraph 3
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 prior to 11:00 A.M (prevailing Eastern Time¹) on such Business Day to [bank] [address], (i) a notice in the form of Annex 1 hereto appropriately completed and duly signed by an Authorized Officer of AEP Ohio and (ii) you draft in the form of Annex 2 hereto, appropriately completed and duly signed by an Authorized Officer of AEP Ohio. 1 If the issuer of the Letter of Credit is located in an area that is not in the Eastern time zone, this time, all other times in this Letter of Credit, and the definition of a Business Day should be adjusted accordingly.
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 ¹) on such Business Day to [bank] [address], (i) a notice in the form of Annex 1 hereto appropriately completed and duly signed by an Authorized Officer of AEP Ohio and (ii) your draft in the form of Annex 2 hereto, appropriately completed and duly signed by an Authorized Officer of AEP Ohio. 1 If the issuer of the Letter of Credit is located in an area that is not in the Eastern time zone, this time, all other times in this Letter of Credit, and the definition of a Business Day should be adjusted accordingly.
	se note that modification 3.2 is acceptable <u>only if</u> the issuing bank is located in the Eastern e zone.

	the expiration of this Letter of Credit by delivering, by no later than 11:00 A.M. (prevailing Eastern Time¹) on such Business Day to [bank] [address], (i) a notice in the form of Annex 1 hereto
	appropriately completed and duly signed by an Authorized Officer of AEP Ohio and (ii) you draft in the form of Annex 2 hereto, appropriately completed and duly signed by an Authorized Officer of AEP Ohio.
	¹ If the issuer of the Letter of Credit is located in an area that is not in the Eastern time zone, this time, all other times in this Letter of Credit, and the definition of a Business Day should be adjusted accordingly.
3.4	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 ¹) on such Business Day to [bank] [address], (i) a notice in the form of Annex 1 hereto
	duly appropriately completed and duly signed by an Authorized Officer of AEP Ohio and (ii your draft in the form of Annex 2 hereto, duly appropriately completed and duly signed by an Authorized Officer of AEP Ohio.
	¹ If the issuer of the Letter of Credit is located in an area that is not in the Eastern time zone, this time, all other times in this Letter of Credit, and the definition of a Business Day should be adjusted accordingly.

4. We hereby agree to honor a drawing hereunder made in compliance with the terms and conditions 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 accounts at such banks in the United States as you may specify in your draft delivered to us pursuant to Paragraph 3 hereof, by 3:00 PM (prevailing Eastern Time) on the date of such drawing if delivery of this requisite document is made prior to 11:00 AM (prevailing Eastern Time) on a Business Day pursuant to Paragraph 3 hereof, but at the opening of business on the first Business Day next succeeding the date of such drawing if delivery of the requisite document is made on or after 11:00 AM (prevailing Eastern Time) on any Business Day pursuant to Paragraph 3 hereof.

Acceptable Modifications to Paragraph 4

4.1 We hereby agree to honor a drawing hereunder made in compliance with the terms and conditions of this Letter of Credit by transferring in immediately available funds the Beneficiary's amount specified in the draft delivered to us in connection with such drawing to such accounts at such banks in the United States as you may specify in your draft delivered to us pursuant to Paragraph 3 hereof, by 3:00 PM (prevailing Eastern Time) on the date of such drawing if delivery of this requisite document is made prior to 11:00 AM (prevailing Eastern Time) on a Business Day pursuant to Paragraph 3 hereof, but at the opening of business on the first Business Day next succeeding the date of such drawing if delivery of the requisite document is made on or after 11:00 AM (prevailing Eastern Time) on any Business Day pursuant to Paragraph 3 hereof.

5. 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, in such event a conforming demand for payment must be timely made in accordance with the terms of this Letter of Credit.

Acceptable Modifications to Paragraph 5

5.1 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, in such event a conforming demand for payment must be timely made in accordance with the terms of this Letter of Credit.

6. This Letter of Credit shall automatically terminate and be delivered to us for cancellation on the earliest of (i) the making by you and payment by us of the drawings in an amount equal to the maximum amount available to be made hereunder, (ii) the date we receive from you a Certificate of Expiration in the form of Annex 3 hereto, or (iii) the above-stated expiration date hereof.

Acceptable Modifications to Paragraph 6

6.1 ①This Letter of Credit shall automatically terminate and be delivered to us for cancellation on the earliest of (i) the making by you and payment by us of the drawings in an amount equal to the maximum amount available to be made hereunder, (ii) the date we receive from you a Certificate of Expiration-Cancellation in the form of Annex 3 hereto, or (iii) the above-stated expiration date hereof.

Please note that change 1 to Paragraph 6 is only acceptable if change 2 is made to Annex 3.

② A3.2 CERTIFICATE OF EXPIRATION CANCELLATION

7. As used herein:

"Authorized Officer" means President, Treasurer, any Vice President, any Assistant Treasurer, the Director of Credit Risk Management, or any other person holding an equivalent title.

"Business Day" means 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.

Acceptable Modifications to Paragraph 7

7.1 As used herein:

"Authorized Officer" of AEP Ohio means President, Treasurer, any Vice President, any Assistant Treasurer, the Director of Credit Risk Management, or any other person holding an equivalent title.

"Business Day" means 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.

8. This Letter of Credit is not transferable, 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"). All banking charges are for the account of the Bidder. 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.

Acceptable Modifications to Paragraph 8

8.1 This Letter of Credit is not transferable, 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"). All banking charges are for the account of the Bidder. 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.

9. 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 3 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.

Original Paragraph 10		
10. We certify that as of the minimum long-term senior unsecur from Moody's Investors Service, Inc.	[date] we ed debt rating of "A-" from S&P	[Bank] satisfy Global Ratings or "A3"

11. 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/multiple drawings are permitted hereunder. Drafts showing amounts in excess of amounts available under this Letter of Credit are acceptable, however, in no event will payment exceed the amount available to be drawn under this Letter of Credit.

- 11.1 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-by us referencing this Letter of Credit No. ____. Partial/multiple drawings are permitted hereunder. Drafts showing amounts in excess of amounts available under this Letter of Credit are acceptable, however, in no event will payment exceed the amount available to be drawn under this Letter of Credit.
- 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/multiple drawings are permitted hereunder. Drafts showing amounts in excess of amounts available under this Letter of Credit are acceptable, however, in no event will payment exceed the amount available to be drawn under this Letter of Credit.

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b S n e	y fax must be tandby Letter nade by your e	made to of Credi email ado	document(s) presented by electronic means are acceptable. Presentation of fax number and confirmed by telephone to our it Unit at Presentation by electronic means must be dress Columbus_Credit@aep.com or AEP-CBP@nera.com to the following, and confirmed by telephone to our Standby Letter of Credit Unit
Accep	table Modific	cations t	to Paragraph 12
12.1	Presentation telephone to Columbus C	by fax no our Sta Pi <u>redit@ae</u> , an	and document(s) presented by electronic means are acceptable. must be made to fax number and confirmed by and by tester of Credit Unit [Insert Alternate Department Name Here] at the resentation by electronic means must be made by your email address application or AEP-CBP@nera.com to the following email address: and confirmed by telephone to our Standby Letter of Credit Unit [Insert to Name Here] at
	e note that cha e ③ to Annex	_	to Paragraph 12 is only acceptable if change ② is made to Annex 1. Iso be made.
	② A1.1	То:	[Bank] [Address] Attention: Standby Letter of Credit Unit[Insert Alternate Department Name Here]
	③ A3.1	To:	[Bank] [Address] Attention: Standby Letter of Credit Unit[Insert Alternate Department Name Here]
12.2	Presentation telephone to number or fato the Benef Columbus_C	by fax no our Star ax number iciary. Predit@ae	and document(s) presented by electronic means are acceptable. nust be made to fax number and confirmed by ndby Letter of Credit Unit at or at such other phone er as may be specified from time to time in writing by the Issuing Bank resentation by electronic means must be made by your email address p.com or AEP-CBP@nera.com to the following email address: and confirmed by telephone to our Standby Letter of Credit Unit at

12.3	Faxed document(s) and document(s) presented by electronic means are acceptable. Presentation by fax must be made to fax number and confirmed by telephone to our Standby Letter of Credit Unit at Any such documents presented by facsimile transmission are deemed to be effective as originals. Presentation by electronic means must be made by your email address Columbus Credit@aep.com or AEP-CBP@nera.com to the following email address:, and confirmed by telephone to our Standby Letter of Credit Unit at
12.4	Faxed document(s) and document(s) presented by electronic means are acceptable. Presentation by fax must be made to fax number and confirmed by email at or by telephone to our Standby Letter of Credit Unit at Presentation by electronic means must be made by your email addresss Columbus_Credit@aep.com or AEP-CBP@nera.com to the following email address:, and confirmed by telephone to our Standby Letter of Credit Unit at
12.5	Faxed document(s) and document(s) presented by electronic means are acceptable. Presentation by fax must be made to fax number and confirmed by telephone to our Standby Letter of Credit Unit at Presentation by electronic means must be made by your email address <u>Columbus Credit@aep.com</u> or <u>AEP-CBP@nera.com</u> to the following email address:, and confirmed by telephone to our Standby Letter of Credit Unit at <u>Presentation sent via email require that such email and / or document(s) to be password protected with password sent via separate email. Such document(s) presented by fax or email transmission are deemed to be effective as originals.</u>
12.6	Faxed document(s) and document(s) presented by electronic means are acceptable. Presentation by fax must be made to fax number and confirmed by telephone to our Standby Letter of Credit Unit at Presentation by electronic means must be made by your email address Columbus credit@aep.com or AEP-CBP@nera.com to the following email address:, and confirmed by telephone to our Standby Letter of Credit Unit at Any such documents presented by facsimile or email transmission are deemed to be effective as originals.
12.7	Faxed document(s) and document(s) presented by electronic means are acceptable. Presentation by fax must be made to fax number and confirmed by telephone to our Standby Letter of Credit Unit at Presentation by electronic means must be made by your email address Columbus Credit@aep.com or AEP-CBP@nora.com to the following email address:, and confirmed by telephone to our Standby Letter of Credit Unit at
12.8	Faxed document(s) and document(s) presented by electronic means are acceptable. Presentation by fax must be made to fax number and confirmed by telephone to our Standby Letter of Credit Unit at Presentation by electronic means must be made by your email address Columbus Credit@aep.com or AEP-CBP@nera.com to the following email address:, and confirmed by telephone to our Standby Letter of Credit Unit at Any such drawing documents sent by facsimile / e-mail are deemed to be effective as original.

13. 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.

14. This original Letter of Credit has been sent via electronic means only to the Auction Manager for AEP Ohio's Competitive Bidding Process at AEP-CBP@nera.com. We understand that the Auction Manager holds the Letter of Credit for the benefit of AEP Ohio. We confirm that the electronic PDF file of the Letter of Credit serves as the operative instrument. AEP Ohio may use the electronic PDF file of the Letter of Credit as it would a hardcopy original. The aggregate amount paid to AEP Ohio 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 or other communications directed to us under this Letter of Credit must be signed by an Authorized Officer of AEP Ohio. Acceptance or rejection of any amendments to this Letter of Credit must be signed by an Authorized Officer of AEP Ohio or an Authorized Officer of the Auction Manager on behalf of AEP Ohio. An Authorized Officer of the Auction Manager means any Associate Director, any Director, or any Managing Director of NERA.

Very truly yours,	
[Bank]	
By:	•
Title:	
By:	
Name: Title:	

14.1	Very truly yours,
	[Bank]
	Ву:
	Name:
	Title:
	By:
	Name:
	Title:

14.2 This original Letter of Credit has been sent via electronic means only to the Auction Manager for AEP Ohio's Competitive Bidding Process via electronic means to at AEP-CBP@nera.com only. We understand that the Auction Manager holds the Letter of Credit for the benefit of AEP Ohio. We confirm that the electronic PDF file of the Letter of Credit serves as the operative instrument. AEP Ohio may use the electronic PDF file of the Letter of Credit as it would a hardcopy original. The aggregate amount paid to AEP Ohio 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 or other communications directed to us under this Letter of Credit must be signed by an Authorized Officer of AEP Ohio. Acceptance or rejection of any amendments to this Letter of Credit must be signed by an Authorized Officer of AEP Ohio or an Authorized Officer of the Auction Manager on behalf of AEP Ohio. An Authorized Officer of the Auction Manager means any Associate Director, any Director, or any Managing Director of NERA.

[Bank]			
By: Name:			
Title:			
By:			
Name:			
Title:			

14.3 This original Letter of Credit has been sent via electronic means only to the Auction Manager for AEP Ohio's Competitive Bidding Process at AEP-CBP@nera.com. We understand that the Auction Manager holds the Letter of Credit for the benefit of AEP Ohio. We confirm that the electronic PDF file of the Letter of Credit serves as the operative instrument. AEP Ohio may use the electronic PDF file of the Letter of Credit as it would a hardcopy original. The aggregate amount paid to AEP Ohio 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 or other communications directed to us under this Letter of Credit must be signed by an Authorized Officer of AEP Ohio. Acceptance or rejection of any amendments to this Letter of Credit must be signed by an Authorized Officer of AEP Ohio or an Authorized Officer of the Auction Manager on behalf of AEP Ohio. An Authorized Officer of the Auction Manager means any Associate Director, any Director, or any Managing Director of NERA.

[Bank]		
By: Name: Title:		
By: Name: Title:	 	

Very truly yours Yours faithfully,

Original Annex 1			
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 \$, inasmuch as the Bidder has (state reason from conditions (a) – (d) of Paragraph 2).			
3. The amount to be received by Ohio Power Company is \$			
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,			
Ohio Power Company			
By Name: Title: Date:			

A1.1 ①

Acceptable Modifications to Annex 1

A1.1	①	То:	[Bank] [Address]
			Attention: Standby Letter of Credit Unit [Insert Alternate Department Name Here]
	_		nge $\mathbb O$ to Annex 1 is only acceptable if change $\mathbb O$ is made to Paragraph 12. 3 may also be made.
	212	Pres conf <u>Depa</u> mus <u>CBP</u> telep	ed document(s) and document(s) presented by electronic means are acceptable entation by fax must be made to fax number and irmed by telephone to our Standby Letter of Credit Unit [Insert Alternate extment Name Here] at Presentation by electronic means to be made by your email address Columbus Credit@aep.com or AEP. @nera.com to the following email address:, and confirmed by phone to our Standby Letter of Credit Unit [Insert Alternate Department Name et at
	3 A	3.1	To: [Bank] [Address] Attention: Standby Letter of Credit Unit[Insert Alternate Department Name Here]
A1.2			ned is making a drawing under the above-referenced Letter of Credit (the "Letter the amount specified below and hereby certifies to you as follows:
A1.3	2.	Pursual	nt to Paragraph 2 of the Letter of Credit No, dated , dated, he undersigned is entitled to make a drawing under the Letter of Credit in the ate amount of \$, inasmuch as the Bidder has (state reason from conditions (a) – (d) of Paragraph 2).
A1.4	2.	20, t	nt to Paragraph 2 of the Letter of Credit No, dated, dated, he undersigned is entitled to make a drawing under the Letter of Credit in the ate amount of U.S.\$, inasmuch as the Bidder has (state reason from conditions (a) – (d) of Paragraph 2).
A1 .5	3.	The am	ount to be received by Ohio Power Company is <u>U.S.</u> \$
A1 .6	DRAV	WING UN	NDER [Insert Bank Name Here] LETTER OF CREDIT NO
			, 20

A1.7	4 D	PRAWING UNDER IRREVOCABLE STANDBY LETTER OF CREDIT NO.
		, 20
Please	e note	that change 4 to Annex 1 is only acceptable if change 5 is made to B.2.
	⑤ B	3.2 <u>Irrevocable Standby</u> Letter of Credit No
		To: Ohio Power Company, an Ohio corporation ("AEP Ohio")
		c/o National Economic Research Associates, Inc. ("NERA")
		Auction Manager
		Via email: <u>AEP-CBP@nera.com</u>
A1.8	3.	The amount to be received by Ohio Power Company is US \$

Original Annex 2	
DRAWING UNDER LETTER OF CREDIT NO	
, 20_	_
ON [Business Day pursuant to Paragraph 4]	
PAY TO: Ohio Power Company	
\$	
For credit to the account of	
FOR VALUE RECEIVED AND CHARGE TO ACCOUNT OF LETTER OF CREDIT NO OF	
[Bank] [Address]	
Ohio Power Company	
By Name:	
Title: Date:	
Date.	
Acceptable Modifications to Annex 2	
A2.1 PAY TO: Ohio Power Company (<u>"AEP Ohio")</u>	
TATION Office Company <u>Table Sino p</u>	
A2.2 PAY TO: Ohio Power Company	
<u>U.S.</u> \$	
A2.3 DRAWING UNDER [Insert Bank Name Here] LETTER OF CREDIT NO	
A2.4 FOR VALUE RECEIVED AND CHARGE TO ACCOUNT OF DRAWN UNDER LETTER OF CREDIT	
NO OF	

A2.5	1 DRAWING UNDER IRREVOCABLE STANDBY LETTER OF CREDIT NO
Please	note that change $\textcircled{1}$ to Annex 2 is only acceptable if change $\textcircled{2}$ is made to B.2.
	② B.2 Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No
	To: Ohio Power Company, an Ohio corporation ("AEP Ohio") c/o National Economic Research Associates, Inc. ("NERA") Auction Manager Via email: AEP-CBP@nera.com
A2.6	PAY TO: Ohio Power Company
<u>US</u> \$_	

Original Annex 3		
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.		
Ohio Power Company		
By Name: Title: Date:		
cc: [Bidder]		

A3.1 ①

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[Bank]

To:

			[Addr	ess]
			Atten <u>Here</u>]	tion: Standby Letter of Credit Unit Insert Alternate Department Name
	ay make de togetl	_	re ① to	Annex 3. Change ② to Paragraph 12 and change ③ to Annex 1 must
	2 12.1	Unit[by el	ntable. Insert A ectronic	ment(s) and document(s) presented by electronic means are Presentation by fax must be made to fax number and confirmed by telephone to our Standby Letter of Credit Internate Department Name Here] at Presentation In means must be made by your email address In means must b
	3 A1.1	L	То:	[Bank] [Address] Attention: Standby Letter of Credit Unit[Insert Alternate Department Name Here]
\3.2	4 CER	TIFICA	TE OF	EXPIRATION CANCELLATION
Please	e note tha	at chai	nge 🛈 :	to Annex 3 is only acceptable if change ⑤ is made to Paragraph 6.
	⑤ 6.1	cance draw here	ellation ings in under, (of Credit shall automatically terminate and be delivered to us for on the earliest of (i) the making by you and payment by us of the an amount equal to the maximum amount available to be made ii) the date we receive from you a Certificate of Expiration_Cancellation of Annex 3 hereto, or (iii) the above-stated expiration date hereof.
\ 3.3	Ohio Po	wer C	ompan	у
	By Name: Title: Date:			
	cc:			[Bidder]

Auction Manager

Via email: <u>AEP-CBP@nera.com</u>

A3.4	CERTIFICATE OF EXPIRATION
	OF [Insert Bank Name Here] LETTER OF CREDIT NO
A3.5	The undersigned hereby certifies to you that the above referenced Letter of Credit
	issued by [Insert Bank Name Here] may be cancelled without payment.
A3.6	CERTIFICATE OF EXPIRATION
	OF <u>IRREVOCABLE STANDBY</u> LETTER OF CREDIT NO
Please	e note that change ® to Annex 3 is only acceptable if change T is made to B.2.
	B.2 Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No
	To: Ohio Power Company, an Ohio corporation ("AEP Ohio")
	c/o National Economic Research Associates, Inc. ("NERA")

The administrative notes below are ONLY acceptable after the signature block.

1. In case of need please be guided by the following:

For questions relating to issuance/amendment of commercial and standby letters of credit, as well as clarification of LC terms and conditions, please call [Contact Name 1] at [Phone Number 1], [Contact Name 2] at [Phone Number 2] or [Contact Name 3] at [Phone Number 3].

For questions relating to status of documents or drawing(s) that have already been presented and/or the respective payment, please call: [Contact Name 4] at [Phone Number 4] or via fax at [Fax Number 1] or [Fax Number 2].

- 2. We hereby engage with you that all documents drawn under and in compliance with the terms of this letter of credit will be duly honored upon presentation for payment on or before the expiry date of this letter of credit.
- 3. This Standby Letter of Credit is issued subject to the uniform customs and practice for documentary credit (2007 revision, International Chamber of Commerce, Paris, France, Publication no. 600) and engages us in accordance with the terms thereof.

Acceptable Modifications to Letter of Intent to Provide a Guaranty

[Date]		
To: Ohio Power Company, an Ohio corporation ("AEP Ohio")		
Ladies and Gentlemen,		
We have been asked to provide a financial guaranty on behalf of ("Bidder") should Bidder become an SSO Supplier pursuant to its bid in AEP Ohio's Competitive Bidding Process for purposes of procuring supply under the Master Standard Service Offer ("SSO") Supply Agreement.		
Our relationship with Bidder is that of[parent, affiliate, etc.]. Our senior unsecured debt rating meets the Minimum Rating as defined in the Master Standard Service Offer ("SSO") Supply Agreement.		
We have confidence in Bidder's management and in its project development, implementation and operational capabilities.		
Should there be no material change in affairs, we would consider providing a financial guaranty on behalf of Bidder, such that our liability does not exceed \$[amount]. We understand that this amount would be in excess of the amount of any guaranty that we have provided on behalf of Bidder. This letter, however, should not and cannot be taken as an indication of financing commitment of any kind whatsoever, or an absolute commitment to provide a financial guaranty.		
Please feel free to call us if you require any additional information.		
Sincerely,		
Authorized signature of representative of Guarantor		
Name and Title		
Ladies and Gentlemen,		
We[Bidder] certify that we have obtained this letter of intent in good faith, and that we know of no action on our part that would significantly impair[Guarantor]'s assessment or its ability to provide us with the support described above.		
Authorized signature of representative of Bidder		
Name and Title		

4.	Our relationship with Bidder is that of[parent, affiliate, etc.]. We are
	[the parent, an affiliate, etc.] of the Bidder. Our senior unsecured debt rating meets the Minimum Rating as defined in the Master Standard Service Offer ("SSO") Supply Agreement.
5.	Our relationship with Bidder is that of[parent, affiliate, etc.]. The Our senior unsecured debt rating of [legal name of guarantor] meets the Minimum Rating as defined in the Master Standard Service Offer ("SSO") Supply Agreement.
6.	Please feel free to call us if you require any additional information.
	Sincerely,
	[legal name of guarantor]
	Authorized signature of representative of Guarantor
	Name and Title
	For modifications 4 and 5 below, a second signature from the same guarantor is acceptable t required.
7.	Please feel free to call us if you require any additional information.
	Sincerely,
	Authorized signature of representative of Guarantor
	Name and Title
	Authorized signature of representative of Guarantor
	Name and Title

February 2, 2023

8.	Ladies and Gentlemen,
	We[Bidder] certify that we have obtained this letter of intent in good faith, and that we know of no action on our part that would significantly impair[Guarantor]'s assessment or its ability to provide us with the support described above.
	Authorized signature of representative of Bidder Name and Title
	Authorized signature of representative of Bidder
	Name and Title

Acceptable Modifications to Letter of Reference, Sample 1

	[Date]
	Letter of Reference No
	To: Ohio Power Company, an Ohio corporation ("AEP Ohio")
	Ladies and Gentlemen,
	We ("the Bank") are currently the agent on a \$ [amount] revolving credit facility to ("Bidder"). At this time, there is sufficient unused availability under the credit facility to issue a letter of credit in the amount of \$ [amount] on behalf of Bidder in support of its bid in AEP Ohio's Competitive Bidding Process for purposes of procuring supply under the Master Standard Service Offer ("SSO") Supply Agreement.
	We have had a relationship with Bidder since[date]. Our relationship with Bidder remains in good standing.
	We certify that we, the Bank, satisfy the minimum senior unsecured debt rating of "A-" from S&P Global Ratings or "A3" from Moody's.
	Please feel free to call us if you require any additional information.
,	Sincerely,
	Authorized signature Bank
	[name] [title]
	Ladies and Gentlemen,
	We[Bidder] certify that we have obtained this letter of reference in good faith, and that we know of no action on our part that would significantly alter the unused availability under the credit facility mentioned above, or otherwise impair[Bank]'s ability to provide us with the support described above.
	Authorized signature
	Bidder
	[name] [title]

Acceptable Modification to Sample 1

1. You must make ALL changes on this page for the modification to be acceptable.

[Date]
etter of Reference No
o: Ohio Power Company, an Ohio corporation ("AEP Ohio")
adies and Gentlemen,
We ("the Bank") are currently the agent on a \$ [amount] revolving redit facility to the following entity:, which revolving credit facility is available to ("Bidder"). At this time, there is sufficient unused availability under the credit facility is issue a letter of credit in the amount of \$ [amount] on behalf of Bidder in support its bid in AEP Ohio's Competitive Bidding Process for purposes of procuring supply under the flaster Standard Service Offer ("SSO") Supply Agreement.
Ve have had a relationship with <u>and</u> Bidder since[date]. Our relationship with <u>and</u> Bidder remains in good standing.
We certify that we, the Bank, satisfy the minimum senior unsecured debt rating of "A-" from S&P slobal Ratings or "A3" from Moody's.
lease feel free to call us if you require any additional information.
incerely,
uthorized signature ank name] [title]
adies and Gentlemen,
We[Bidder] certify that we have obtained this letter of reference in good faith, and that we know of no action on our part or the part of our affiliate that would significantly alter the unused vailability under the credit facility mentioned above, or otherwise impair[Bank]'s bility to provide us with the support described above.
uthorized signature idder name] [title]

Acceptable Modification to Sample 1

2. You must make ALL changes on this page for the modification to be acceptable.

	[Date]
Letter of Reference No	
To: Ohio Power Company, an Ohio corporation ("AEP Ohio")	
Ladies and Gentlemen,	
We ("the Bank") are currently the agent on a \$	the credit facility to issue a half of Bidder in support of its
We have had a relationship with Bidder since[date]. As of hereof, our relationship with Bidder remains in good standing.	[date of this letter]
We certify that we, the Bank, satisfy the minimum senior unsecured Global Ratings or "A3" from Moody's <u>as of [date].</u>	d debt rating of "A-" from S&P
Please feel free to call us if you require any additional information.	
Sincerely,	
Authorized signature Bank [name] [title]	
Ladies and Gentlemen,	
We[Bidder] ("Bidder") certify that we have obtained to faith, and that we know of no action on our part that would significate availability under the credit facility mentioned above, or otherwise is ability to provide us with the support described above.	antly alter the unused
Authorized signature Bidder [name] [title]	

Acceptable Modifications to Letter of Reference, Sample 2

[Date]	
Letter of Reference No	
To: Ohio Power Company, an Ohio corporation ("AEP Ohio")	
Ladies and Gentlemen:	
We ("the Bank") are currently the agent on the credit agreements to ("Bidder"). Bidder has [amount] of unused credit facilities at our bank available for borrowing under the terms and conditions of these credit agreements. Such a loan could be used as a cash deposit in support of Bidder's bid in AEP Ohio's Competitive Bidding Process for purposes of procuring supply under the Master Standard Service Offer ("SSO") Supply Agreement.	
We have had a relationship with Bidder since[date]. Our relationship with Bidder remains in good standing.	
We certify that we, the Bank, satisfy the minimum senior unsecured debt rating of "A-" from S&P Global Ratings or "A3" from Moody's.	
Please feel free to call us if you require any additional information.	
Sincerely,	
Authorized signature [Bank] [name] [title]	
Ladies and Gentlemen,	
We[Bidder] certify that we have obtained this letter of reference in good faith, and that we know of no action on our part that would significantly alter the amount of unused credit facilities mentioned above, or otherwise impair[Bank]'s ability to provide us with the support described above.	
Authorized signature [Bidder] [name] [title]	

Acceptable Modification to Sample 2

You must make ALL changes on this page for the modification to be acceptable.

		[Date]
Letter of Reference No	_	
To: Ohio Power Company, an Ohio c	corporation ("AEP Ohio")	
Ladies and Gentlemen:		
We ("the Bank") are entity:, which credit agr Bidder has [amount] of unu the terms and conditions of these credi in support of Bidder's bid in AEP Ohio's C under the Master Standard Service Offe	reement is available to Ised credit facilities at our bat t agreements. Such a loan Competitive Bidding Process	("Bidder"). ank available for borrowing under could be used as a cash deposit s for purposes of procuring supply
We have had a relationship with and Bidder remains in good		[date]. Our relationship with
We certify that we, the Bank, satisfy th Global Ratings or "A3" from Moody's.	ne minimum senior unsecu	red debt rating of "A-" from S&P
Please feel free to call us if you require	any additional information.	
Sincerely,		
Authorized signature [Bank] [name] [title]		
Ladies and Gentlemen,		
We[Bidder] certify that we we know of no action on our part or the of unused credit facilities mentioned a provide us with the support described al	part of our affiliate that wo	uld significantly alter the amount
Authorized signature [Bidder] [name] [title]		

Acceptable Modifications to Letter of Reference, Sample 3

[Date]		
Letter of Reference No		
To: Ohio Power Company, an Ohio corporation ("AEP Ohio")		
Ladies and Gentlemen,		
We have been asked to provide a letter of reference on behalf of ("Bidder") relative to its intentions to bid in AEP Ohio's Competitive Bidding Process for purposes of procuring supply under the Master Standard Service Offer ("SSO") Supply Agreement.		
Our relationship with Bidder has been extensive and has included involvement in a credit facility for \$[amount] with aggregate lending commitments in excess of \$[amount].		
Should there be no material change in affairs, we would consider extending a letter of credit to Bidder in an amount not to exceed \$[amount]. This letter, however, should not and cannot be taken as an indication of financing commitment or guaranty of any kind whatsoever, or an absolute commitment to provide any other services.		
We certify that we ("Bank") satisfy the minimum senior unsecured debt rating of "A-" from S&P Global Ratings or "A3" from Moody's.		
Please feel free to call us if you require any additional information.		
Sincerely,		
Authorized signature [Bank] [name] [title]		
Ladies and Gentlemen,		
We[Bidder] certify that we have obtained this letter of reference in good faith, and that we know of no action on our part that would significantly impair[Bank]'s assessment or its ability to provide us with the support described above.		
Authorized signature [Bidder] [name] [title]		

Acceptable Modification to Sample 3

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	[Date]
Letter of Reference No	
To: Ohio Power Company, an Ohio corporation ("AEP Ohio	")
Ladies and Gentlemen,	
We have been asked to provide a letter of reference on beha ("Bidder") relative to its intentions to bid in AEP Ohio's Compe procuring supply under the Master Standard Service Offer ("SS	etitive Bidding Process for purposes of
Our relationship withand Bidder has been extens credit facility for \$[amount] with aggregate I \$[amount].	sive and has included involvement in a ending commitments in excess of
Should there be no material change in affairs, we would conside in an amount not to exceed \$[amount]. This lett taken as an indication of financing commitment or guaranty commitment to provide any other services.	er, however, should not and cannot be
We certify that we ("Bank") s debt rating of "A-" from S&P Global Ratings or "A3" from Moo	catisfy the minimum senior unsecured dy's.
Please feel free to call us if you require any additional information	ation.
Sincerely,	
Authorized signature [Bank] [name] [title]	
Ladies and Gentlemen,	
We[Bidder] certify that we have obtained this lewe know of no action on our part or the part of our aff[Bank]'s assessment or its ability to provide us	<u>illiate</u> that would significantly impair
Authorized signature [Bidder] [name] [title]	

Acceptable Modification to Sample 3

You must make ALL changes on this page for the modification to be acceptable.

	[Date]
Lette	er of Reference No
То:	Ohio Power Company, an Ohio corporation ("AEP Ohio")
Ladie	es and Gentlemen,
its int	ave been asked to provide a letter of reference on behalf of ("Bidder") relative to tentions to bid in AEP Ohio's Competitive Bidding Process for purposes of procuring supply r the Master Standard Service Offer ("SSO") Supply Agreement.
\$	elationship with Bidder has been extensive and has included involvement in a credit facility for[amount] with aggregate <u>unused</u> lending commitments availability in excess of[amount].
Bidde cann	Ild there be no material change in affairs, we would consider extending a letter of credit to er in an amount not to exceed \$[amount]. This letter, however, should not and ot be taken as an indication of financing commitment or guaranty of any kind whatsoever, or osolute commitment to provide any other services.
We c	ertify that we ("Bank") satisfy the minimum senior unsecured rating of "A-" from S&P Global Ratings or "A3" from Moody's.
Pleas	se feel free to call us if you require any additional information.
Since	erely,
[Banl	orized signature k] le] [title]
Ladie	es and Gentlemen,
that v	[Bidder] certify that we have obtained this letter of reference in good faith, and we know of no action on our part that would significantly impair[Bank]'s ssment or its ability to provide us with the support described above.
[Bidd	orized signature ler] ie] [title]