<u>ILLUSTRATIVE</u> PART 1 FORM PART 1 DATE: September 29, 2021

Ohio Power Company ("Company" or "AEP Ohio") is procuring full requirements service for its Standard Service Offer ("SSO") customers through a competitive bidding process ("CBP"), consistent with the Opinion and Order of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO" or "Commission") in Case No. 16-1852-EL-SSO.

The Part 1 Application consists of the online Part 1 Form and necessary supporting documents that are uploaded to the application website. Before completing the Part 1 Application, please review the CBP Rules and the Master SSO Supply Agreement so that you understand the conditions under which the auction will be conducted. You will be required to acknowledge specific portions of these rules before proceeding to the online Part 1 Form. Terms not explicitly defined in the online Part 1 Form are defined in the Glossary, the CBP Rules, or the Master SSO Supply Agreement. These documents are posted to <u>www.AEPOhioCBP.com</u> as they become available.

By completing the Part 1 Application, you agree to the CBP Rules and agree to accept the provisions contained in the Master SSO Supply Agreement.

Information and materials that you submit in the Part 1 Application may be provided on a confidential basis to the Commission and their representatives. Financial and credit information submitted with the Part 1 Application will be provided on a confidential basis to representatives of AEP Ohio for a creditworthiness assessment. The Commission, the Commission Consultant, and representatives of AEP Ohio will receive a list of Qualified Bidders.

Upon completion of the Part 1 Application process, the names of Qualified Bidders will be provided to other Qualified Bidders on a confidential basis. As part of this Part 1 Application, you are required to certify that you will keep confidential the list of Qualified Bidders that will be provided to you.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICATION

There are two (2) parts to the application process. In the Part 1 Application, interested parties apply to become Qualified Bidders. In the Part 2 Application, each Qualified Bidder makes certifications, provides an indicative offer, and posts pre-bid security to become a Registered Bidder.

The exclusive method for an Applicant to respond to the qualification standards required in the Part 1 Application is by completing the online Part 1 Form and uploading the required supporting documents to the application website. Applicants will be provided login credentials for the application website upon request. In the online Part 1 Form, an Applicant may provide contact information for up to four (4) individuals to be included in electronic communications from the Auction Manager. This illustrative form provides notice of the requirements.

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL FIELDS. ADDITIONAL REQUIRED FIELDS MAY APPEAR DEPENDING ON THE RESPONSE TO EACH QUESTION.

I. Part 1 Application Submission

Applicants must use the online Part 1 Form to submit the Part 1 Application including all necessary supporting documents. Applicants must:

- Complete the online Part 1 Form in its entirety;
- Upload to the application website <u>one (1) electronic copy</u> of documents required to support the online Part 1 Form; and
- Upload to the application website <u>one (1) electronic copy</u> of each required Insert. "Inserts" are separate forms in Microsoft Word format. Applicants should complete all required Inserts and upload them to the online form. Inserts may be:
 - Printed, signed (with the signature notarized if required), scanned, and uploaded to the online Part 1 Form; or
 - Submitted with an acceptable digital signature and a document or information verifying the identity of the signatory (digital signatures are not required to be notarized).

Electronic signatures (e.g., a picture of a signature as opposed to a digital signature entered through software such as that offered by DocuSign) are not acceptable.

A "day" is a business day and all times are Eastern Prevailing Times ("EPT").

The online Part 1 Form MUST be received by the Auction Manager no later than 12 PM (noon) EPT on September 29, 2021 (the Part 1 Date).

Inquiries may be directed to the Auction Manager through the "Ask a Question" page on the CBP website at <u>www.AEPOhioCBP.com</u> or by email to <u>AEP-CBP@nera.com</u>.

Part 1 Application Submission

Notifications

The Auction Manager provides all notifications to the Representative by email. Any notification or other written communication from the Auction Manager to an Applicant that is sent by email will be sent to the email address provided for the Representative and the Representative's Nominees. Any such notification or communication will be deemed received by the Applicant at the time of delivery or transmission, that when delivery or transmission occurs after 6 PM on a business day or occurs on a day that is not a business day, receipt will be deemed to occur at 9 AM on the following business day. Any communication from the Applicant to the Auction Manager by email regarding the application process should be addressed to <u>AEP-CBP@nera.com</u>.

Acknowledgment of Receipt

The exclusive method for an Applicant to respond to the qualification standards required in the Part 1 Application is by completing the online Part 1 Form and uploading the required supporting documents to the application website. Upon first submission of the Part 1 Application, the Auction Manager acknowledges receipt by email.

Timing of Part 1 Application Review

If a Part 1 Application is received before 12 PM (noon) on any day during the Part 1 Window, the Auction Manager acknowledges receipt on the day the Part 1 Application is received with the results of an initial review. If a Part 1 Application is received after 12 PM (noon) on any day during the Part 1 Window prior to the Part 1 Date, the Auction Manager sends the acknowledgment of receipt along with the initial review by 12 PM (noon) of the next day. The initial review states either that the Part 1 Application is complete and is being considered, or the initial review states that the Part 1 Application is deficient.

Deficiencies

If the Auction Manager sends a deficiency notice to the Applicant, the notice lists items of the Part 1 Application that are incomplete or require clarification. If an Applicant receives a first deficiency notice from the Auction Manager, the Applicant has until 12 PM (noon) on the Part 1 Date, or until 6 PM on the day following the business day during which such deficiency notice is sent to the Applicant, whichever comes later, to respond. If the Applicant does not correct or adequately explain the deficiency within the time allowed, the Part 1 Application may be rejected. If the Applicant provides additional information and the Part 1 Application becomes complete, the Auction Manager sends a notice that the Part 1 Application is complete and is being considered.

Late Part 1 Applications

No late Part 1 Applications will be accepted under any circumstances.

Part 1 Notification

An Applicant becomes a Qualified Bidder pursuant to a successful Part 1 Application if its Part 1 Application is received on or before 12 PM (noon) on the Part 1 Date and if its Part 1

Application is complete. The Auction Manager notifies each Applicant regarding its status by the Part 1 Notification Date.

PART 1 FORM

In this illustrative form, fields that only appear in response to specific responses (as marked throughout this illustrative form) appear in red boxes. Other red boxes (with thicker borders) are Inserts that the Applicant completes. Uploads of supporting documents are denoted by:

The contents of the Inserts are provided immediately following their upload location. This form is illustrative; wording in the online form or in the Inserts may vary from what is shown.

1.1 Basic Applicant Information

Name of Applicant (company name)				
Is the Applicant name the same as the name above?				
IF NO, PLEASE PROVIDE THE L Legal Name of Applicant	EGAL NAME BELOW.			
Place of Incorporation (If applicable)	Federal Tax I.D.	D&B DUNS #		
(Corporation, Partnership, etc)	Years in Business	URL for Applicant's Website		

Is the legal or trade name provided above for the Applicant expected to change from now until the Commission renders a decision on the results of the auction?

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	IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.
	New Name of Applicant
	Expected Date of Name Change
	Please be advised that if the Applicant becomes a Qualified Bidder, the Applicant will be required to notify the Auction Manager when the change to its name, as disclosed above, has been effected, and to provide evidence of the change. The Applicant is also required to advise the Auction Manager if the change to the Applicant's name, as

disclosed above, does not occur on the expected date.

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1.2 Designation of the Applicant's Representative

An officer or director of the Applicant designates an individual (called the "Representative") to represent the Applicant in the auction. The Representative is the only person authorized to designate a person other than himself or herself to submit bids in the auction.

The officer or director of the Applicant must designate the Applicant's Representative by completing the Representative Designation Insert. THE CERTIFICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE OFFICER OR DIRECTOR. THE PERSON MAKING THIS CERTIFICATION CANNOT BE THE REPRESENTATIVE OR ANY OF THE NOMINEES. The Representative Designation Insert (#P1-1) is available on the application website.

PLEASE PROVIDE BELOW THE CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE AND UPLOAD THE DESIGNATION BY THE OFFICER OR DIRECTOR.

Contact Information for Applicant's Representative

Given Name(s)	Last Name		
Title			
Street Address 1			
Street Address 2			
City	State		Zip Code
Telephone No.	Cell Phone No.	Email Address	

REPRESENTATIVE DESIGNATION INSERT (#P1-1)

Name of Applicant

THE AUCTION MANAGER IS ACCEPTING DIGITALLY SIGNED INSERTS.

This Insert may be:

- Printed, signed by the Officer or Director with the signature notarized, scanned, and uploaded to the online Part 1 Form; or
- Submitted with a digital signature and a document or information verifying the identity of the signatory. Digital signatures are not required to be notarized.

Electronic signatures (e.g., a picture of a signature as opposed to a digital signature entered through software such as that offered by DocuSign) are not acceptable.

REPRESENTATIVE DESIGNATION INSERT (#P1-1)

I, _____ (the Officer), certify that I am an officer or director of the Applicant, empowered to undertake contracts and bind the Applicant. I understand and accept the CBP Rules and the provisions contained in the Master SSO Supply Agreement.

All the information contained in this Application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I designate ______ (the Representative), whose contact information is provided in the online Part 1 Form, to act as the Representative of the Applicant in the auctions under AEP Ohio's CBP.

Signature of Officer or Director

Date

Title

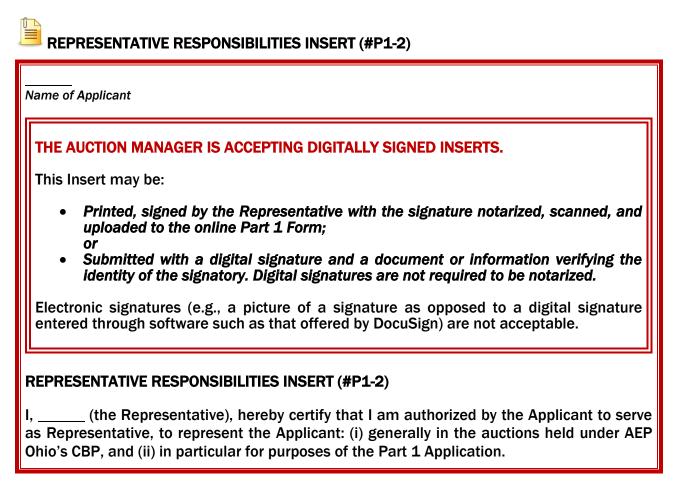
Signature and Seal from Notary Public Date (OMIT this line if the Insert is digitally signed. Digital signatures are not required to be notarized.)

1.3 Representative

First Item: Acknowledgment of Representative Responsibilities

In the previous section, an officer of the Applicant designates the Representative to represent the Applicant in the auction held under AEP Ohio's CBP. The Applicant's Representative has certain responsibilities under the CBP Rules. The Auction Manager provides to successful Applicants materials for participation in the auction, including a Bidder User Manual and Confidential Information required for the submission of bids. The Auction Manager provides these materials to the Representative and the Representative is the only person at the Applicant authorized to distribute such materials to other authorized personnel of the Applicant in accordance with the undertakings required of each Applicant for the handling of Confidential Information, as further explained in the CBP Rules. The Auction Manager also provides these materials to the Nominees should the Representative elect to receive these materials by secure electronic file transfer.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND UPLOAD THE REPRESENTATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES INSERT (**#P1-2**). THIS CERTIFICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY THE REPRESENTATIVE.



If there are material changes to the Applicant's information provided in the Part 1 Application for an auction, I agree to notify the Auction Manager as soon as practicable.

I further certify that I will be responsible for all Confidential Information Regarding the Auction provided to me or my Nominee(s) including Confidential Information for the submission of bids and that I will ensure that this Confidential Information is only distributed to other individuals who are authorized to act on behalf of the Applicant according to the rules for the handling of Confidential Information included in the CBP Rules.

Signature of Representative

Date

Signature and Seal from Notary Public Date (OMIT this line if the Insert is digitally signed. Digital signatures are not required to be notarized.)

Second Item: Designation of Nominees

Any notification or other written communication from the Auction Manager that is sent by email will be sent to the email address provided for the Representative. Furthermore, the Representative may authorize up to three (3) individuals to be Nominee(s) by fully completing the Designation of Nominees Insert (#P1-3), including certifying that any such Nominee is authorized to act on behalf of the Applicant. Should the Representative designate Nominees, the Auction Manager will send any notification or other written communication that is sent electronically to such Nominees as well.

Is the Representative designating at this time Nominee(s) who will be copied on all electronic communications from the Auction Manager?



IF YES, PLEASE COMPLETE AND UPLOAD THE DESIGNATION OF NOMINEES INSERT (#P1-3).

DESIGNATION OF NOMINEES INSERT (#P1-3)

No

Name of Applicant				
THE AUCTION MANAGER IS ACCEPTING DIGITALLY SIGNED INSERTS. This Insert may be: • Printed, signed, scanned, and uploaded to the online Part 1 Form;				
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Electronic signatures (e.g., a picture of a signature as opposed to a digital signature entered through software such as that offered by DocuSign) are not acceptable.				
DESIGNATION OF NOMINEES INSERT (#P1-3) I,, (the Representative of the Applicant) authorize the individuals whose contact information is immediately below to receive notifications and				
documents				
Contact Information for Nominee #1 First Name	Last Name			
Title				
Telephone No. Cell Phone No.	Email Address			
Contact Information for Nominee #2 First Name Title	Last Name			
Telephone No. Cell Phone No.	Email Address			

Contact Information for Nominee #3 First Name	Last Name
Title	
Telephone No. Cell Phone No.	Email Address

1.4 Applicant's Legal Representative in Ohio

The Applicant's Legal Representative in Ohio:

- must be either legal counsel or a representative agent;
- must have an address in Ohio; and
- must be authorized and agree to accept service of process on the Applicant's behalf.

Has the Applicant qualified in a prior Auction under AEP Ohio's current CBP?

Yes

No [preselected]

If YES,

The previously submitted documentation and information related to the Applicant's Legal Representative in Ohio has been retained by the Auction Manager. **Please provide the name of the Applicant's Legal Representative in Ohio in the fields below.** If the fields below are left blank or if the name provided does not match the documentation and information retained, the Auction Manager will require additional information from the Applicant.

Given Name(s)

Last Name

If NO,	
Is the Applicant's	Representative also the Applicant's legal counsel or a representative agent?

Agent: Given Name(s)		Last	Name		
Title					
Company					
Street Address					
Street Address	2				
City			State	Zip Code	7
Telephone No.		Fax No.		Email Addres	ss (optional)
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In Section 1.4 of the online Part 1 Form, did the Applicant name a company that it has retained to accept service of process on the Applicant's behalf?
<u>IF Yes,</u> please Fill in Part A below. <u>IF NO,</u> please fill in Part B below.
PARTA
This certification must be signed by the individual named in Section 1.4 of the online Part 1 Form. The individual must be authorized to act on behalf of the company that will accept service of process on the Applicant's behalf
I [name of individual identified in Section 1.4 of the online Part 1 Form] certify that [name of company retained to accept service of process on the Applicant's behalf] agrees to serve as legal counsel or a representative agent of the Applicant and agrees to receive service of process on the Applicant's behalf.
Signature of individual named in the online Part 1 Form Date
Signature and seal from Notary Public Date (OMIT this line if the Insert is digitally signed. Digital signatures are not required to be notarized.)
PART B
This certification must be signed by the individual named in Section 1.4 of the online Part 1 Form. The individual is either the Legal Representative him/herself or the individual must be authorized to act on behalf of a company that will accept service of process on the Applicant's behalf.
I [name of individual identified in Section 1.4 of the online Part 1 Form] certify that [repeat name of individual if individual is the Legal Representative or insert name of the company if the individual is representing a company other than the Applicant] agrees to serve as legal counsel or a representative agent of the Applicant and agrees to receive service of process on the Applicant's behalf.
Signature of individual named in the online Part 1 Form Date

Signature and seal from Notary Public Date (OMIT this line if the Insert is digitally signed. Digital signatures are not required to be notarized.)

1.5 General Requirements to Participate in the Auction

<u>First Item</u>: PJM Requirements

Is the Applicant currently a PJM member in good standing? **Yes**

Is the Applicant currently qualified by PJM as a "Market Buyer" and "Market Seller" pursuant to PJM Agreements and qualified as a PJM "Load Serving Entity"?

No No Yes

Has the Applicant qualified in a prior Auction under AEP Ohio's current CBP?

Yes **No** [preselected]

IF YES TO ALL THREE QUESTIONS:

The documentation from PJM provided by the Applicant in this section has been retained by the Auction Manager. If the Applicant has more recent documentation related to its status as a PJM member in good standing or as a "Market Buyer" and "Market Seller" and a PJM "Load Serving Entity" please provide such documentation in Section 1.9 Justification of Omissions.

IF YES TO QUESTIONS 1 AND 2, AND NO TO QUESTION 3:

PLEASE PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION FROM PJM THAT THE APPLICANT IS QUALIFIED AS A "MARKET BUYER" AND "MARKET SELLER" AND A PJM "LOAD SERVING ENTITY". If the name of the entity on the requested documentation does not match the name of the Applicant, please provide evidence of a name change.



PJM Documentation 2

PJM Documentation 3

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If NO to either question 1 or 2, PLEASE COMPLETE AND UPLOAD THE PJM REQUIREMENTS INSERT (#P1-5).
PJM REQUIREMENTS INSERT (#P1-5)
Name of Applicant
THE AUCTION MANAGER IS ACCEPTING DIGITALLY SIGNED INSERTS.
 This Insert may be: Printed, signed, scanned, and uploaded to the online Part 1 Form;
or
 Submitted with a digital signature and a document or information verifying the identity of the signatory.
Electronic signatures (e.g., a picture of a signature as opposed to a digital signature entered through software such as that offered by DocuSign) are not acceptable.
PJM REQUIREMENTS INSERT (#P1-5) <u>(First Item)</u>
I certify that there exist no impediments for the Applicant to be qualified by PJM as a "Market Buyer" and "Market Seller" pursuant to PJM Agreements and to be qualified as a PJM "Load Serving Entity" by the start of the supply period. The Applicant undertakes to be qualified by PJM as a "Market Buyer", a "Market Seller" pursuant to PJM Agreements, and to be qualified as a PJM "Load Serving Entity" by the start of the supply period should the Applicant become an SSO Supplier.
Signature of Representative of Applicant that is notDatecurrently qualified by PJM as "Market Buyer" and "MarketDateSeller" or that is not a PJM "Load Serving Entity"
Name

Second Item: Certifications

Each Applicant must review the CBP Rules and the Master SSO Supply Agreement so as to understand the conditions under which the auction will be conducted.

PLEASE PROVIDE THE CERTIFICATIONS BY COMPLETING THE CERTIFICATIONS INSERT (#P1-6).

CERTIFICATIONS INSERT (#P1-6)

Name of Applicant THE AUCTION MANAGER IS ACCEPTING DIGITALLY SIGNED INSERTS. This Insert may be: Printed, signed, scanned, and uploaded to the online Part 1 Form; • or Submitted with a digital signature and a document or information verifying the identity of the signatory. Electronic signatures (e.g., a picture of a signature as opposed to a digital signature entered through software such as that offered by DocuSign) are not acceptable. **CERTIFICATIONS INSERT (#P1-6)** (Second Item) I certify that: The Applicant and its corporate officers have no indictments or pending criminal a. litigation in any federal, state or local jurisdiction relating to the Applicant; The Applicant and its corporate officers have no criminal convictions: b. The Applicant has no civil penalties, judgments, sanctions or consent decrees arising C. out of the violation of any law, rule, regulation or ordinance in connection with its business activities; d. The Applicant has not had any permit or authority to do business in any jurisdiction revoked or suspended; and The Applicant has never been barred from public bidding, or from bidding in a e. competitive bidding process for procurement of SSO or Default type service, or sanctioned for unauthorized disclosure of confidential information.

Signature of Representative

Date

Name

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO MAKE ONE OR MORE OF THESE CERTIFICATIONS, PLEASE STATE WHICH CERTIFICATIONS YOU ARE UNABLE TO MAKE AND EXPLAIN ALL REASONS IN THE SPACE GIVEN BELOW.

Each Applicant must review the CBP Rules and the Master SSO Supply Agreement so as to understand the conditions under which the auction will be conducted.

- **1.** I certify that I understand the terms of the CBP Rules and that the Applicant will comply with these rules.
- 2. I certify that I understand the terms of the Master SSO Supply Agreement and that the Applicant accepts its terms. If the Applicant wins at the auction, the Applicant will execute the Master SSO Supply Agreement with AEP Ohio and comply with the creditworthiness requirements set forth in the Master SSO Supply Agreement within three (3) days of acceptance of the results by the Commission.
- 3. I certify that the Applicant agrees to destroy any document distributed by the Auction Manager that lists the Qualified Bidders within five (5) days of the decision by the Commission on the results of the auction, or earlier if so instructed by the Auction Manager.
- 4. I certify that if the Applicant becomes a Qualified Bidder, the Applicant will not substitute another entity in its place, transfer its rights to another entity, or otherwise assign its status as a Qualified Bidder to another entity. The Applicant agrees that any such substitutions, transfers, or assignments shall be null and void and may result in the Applicant's exclusion from the auction.

Signature of Representative* *Certifications 1-4 Date

5. I certify that if the Applicant qualifies to participate in the auction, the Applicant will not disclose at any time information regarding the list of Qualified Bidders, including but not limited to the number of Qualified Bidders, the identity of any one of the

Qualified Bidders (including the Applicant itself), or the fact that an entity has not qualified for participation in the auction.
Signature of Representative Date
IF UNABLE TO MAKE CERTIFICATION 5, IDENTIFY THE ENTITY RECEIVING SUCH INFORMATION AND EXPLAIN THE REASONS FOR SUCH DISCLOSURE.
The CBP Rules include restrictions on the disclosure of Confidential Information. For purposes of the following certifications, the definition of Confidential Information Relative to Bidding Strategy is provided in Section X.2 of the CBP Rules. This certification must hold until the Commission's decision on the results of the auction.
 I certify that the Applicant will not disclose any Confidential Information Relative to Bidding Strategy to any party that may have an effect on the participation of another bidder, prospective bidder, or on any of the bids that another bidder would be willing to submit.
Signature of Representative Date
IF UNABLE TO MAKE CERTIFICATION 6, PLEASE IDENTIFY THE ENTITY RECEIVING SUCH INFORMATION AND EXPLAIN THE REASONS FOR SUCH DISCLOSURE.
7. I certify that, to the extent Confidential Information Relative to Bidding Strategy is disclosed within the Applicant's organization or to a third party, the Applicant will ensure that sufficient precautions are taken to ensure that such Confidential Information is not made public or made available to another bidder. Such precautions include, but are not limited to confidentiality agreements, non- disclosure agreements, firewalls, and other contractual or structural protections that would maintain the confidential nature of the Applicant's bidding strategy.

Signature of Representative

Date

IF UNABLE TO MAKE CERTIFICATION 7, PLEASE IDENTIFY AND EXPLAIN ANY INSTANCES WHERE SUCH PRECAUTIONS WERE NOT TAKEN AND ANY BREACH OF CONFIDENTIALITY THAT MAY HAVE OCCURRED AS A RESULT.

1.6 Financial and Credit Information

FOR PURPOSES OF A CREDITWORTHINESS EVALUATION, THE APPLICANT MUST CLEARLY SELECT WHETHER THE APPLICANT IS RELYING ON ITS OWN FINANCIAL STANDING OR RELYING ON THE FINANCIAL STANDING OF A GUARANTOR.

Please select one of the two options below:

- (A) The Applicant is relying on its own financial standing.
- **(B)** The Applicant is relying on the financial standing of a Guarantor.

This selection determines the information to be provided in Sections 1.6.

1.6(A) Financial and Credit Information for Applicant Relying on Own Financial Standing

First Item: The Applicant is the Entity

The contact information was provided in previous sections of this online Part 1 Form.

Second Item: Financial Information

PLEASE EITHER UPLOAD THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR THE ENTITY ON WHOSE FINANCIAL STANDING YOU ARE RELYING (THE APPLICANT) OR INDICATE THAT THE INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE.

Is the following document available for the Applicant?

• The Entity's most recent SEC Form 10-K; if unavailable, please provide the most recent audited annual financial information (including a balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement).

🖂 Yes	Νο
	IF YES, PLEASE UPLOAD THE DOCUMENT.
	The Entity's most recent SEC Form 10-K

Are the following documents available for the Applicant?

• The Entity's most recent SEC Form 10-Q; if unavailable, please provide the most recent audited quarterly financial information (including a balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement); if both an SEC Form 10-Q and audited quarterly financial information are unavailable, please provide the most recent quarterly or monthly

financial data accompanied by an attestation by the Entity's Chief Financial Officer that the information submitted is true, correct and a fair representation of the Entity's financial condition.



Please provide the following financial information for the Entity along with page references to the relevant financial filings submitted:

	Amount (\$)	Financial Document Page Number	Financial Document Source	Date of Financial Document Source
Goodwill				
Shareholders' Equity				
Net Intangible Assets				

Third Item: Credit Ratings

PLEASE PROVIDE ALL AVAILABLE RATINGS FROM S&P GLOBAL RATINGS ("S&P"), MOODY'S INVESTORS SERVICE, INC. ("MOODY'S"), AND FITCH RATINGS ("FITCH") FOR THE ENTITY ON WHOSE FINANCIAL STANDING YOU ARE RELYING (THE APPLICANT).

1. Is the Entity rated by S&P?

🖂 Yes

No No

IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE:

For S&P, please provide a senior unsecured debt rating or, if unavailable, a corporate or issuer rating: _____

2. Is the Entity rated by Moody's?

X Yes

No

IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE:

For Moody's, please provide a senior unsecured debt rating or, if unavailable, a corporate or issuer rating: _____

3. Is the Entity rated by Fitch?

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IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE:

For Fitch, please provide a senior unsecured debt rating or, if unavailable, a corporate or issuer rating: _____

Fourth Item: Additional Information Regarding the Applicant

Information provided under this item may impact the Applicant's ability to enter into the Master SSO Supply Agreement.

Is the Applicant and/or its parent (if applicable):

Operating under federal bankruptcy laws or bankruptcy laws in any other jurisdiction?

Applicant:		
Yes	No No	
Parent:		
Yes	🗌 No	□ N/A

Subject to pending litigation or regulatory proceedings (in state court, or in federal court, or from regulatory agencies, or in any other jurisdiction) which could materially impact the Applicant's and/or its parent's financial condition?

Applicant:		
Yes	No No	
Parent:		
Yes	No No	□ N/A

Subject to collection lawsuits or outstanding judgments which could impact solvency?

Applicant:		
Yes	🗌 No	
Parent:		
Yes	No No	□ N/A

PLEASE PROVIDE A STATEMENT DISCLOSING ANY EXISTING, PENDING OR PAST ADVERSE RULINGS, JUDGMENTS, LITIGATION, CONTINGENT LIABILITIES, REVOCATIONS OF AUTHORITY, ADMINISTRATIVE, REGULATORY (STATE, FERC, SEC OR DOJ) INVESTIGATIONS AND ANY OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO FINANCIAL OR OPERATIONAL STATUS FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS THAT ARISE FROM THE SALE OF ELECTRICITY OR NATURAL GAS, OR THAT MATERIALLY AFFECT CURRENT FINANCIAL OR OPERATIONAL STATUS OF THE APPLICANT (IF APPLICABLE).

Fifth Item: Draft Pre-Bid Security Documents

No No

Are you requesting modifications to the standard form of the pre-bid letter of credit?

🖂 Yes

IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

- Applicants may request modifications to the standard form of the pre-bid letter of credit (a "Standard Pre-Bid Security Document") that are non-material in nature, or that are advantageous to both AEP Ohio and the Applicant. Applicants request modifications to a Standard Pre-Bid Security Document by submitting a draft document substantially in the form of the Standard Pre-Bid Security Document indicating clearly any and all modifications to the Standard Pre-Bid Security Document ("Draft Pre-Bid Security Document"). A Draft Pre-Bid Security Document that is not substantially in the form of the Standard Pre-Bid Security Document will not be considered or evaluated. The Applicant may only submit one (1) draft document below for each Standard Pre-Bid Security Document.
- Credit and legal representatives from AEP Ohio will determine whether proposed modifications contained in each Draft Pre-Bid Security Document are acceptable. An Applicant that submits a Draft Pre-Bid Security Document will receive a review of any proposed modifications within three (3) business days. The Auction Manager sends such review by email. Any review communicated to the Applicant of the Draft Pre-Bid Security Document is final. The Applicant cannot submit a subsequent request for changes on the basis of this review.
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- An Applicant, in its Part 2 Application, must provide the required executed credit documents that either use the Standard Pre-Bid Security Documents or incorporate only those modifications to a Standard Pre-Bid Security Document that are acceptable to AEP Ohio.

A DRAFT PRE-BID SECURITY DOCUMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY, IN MICROSOFT WORD WITH TRACKED CHANGES, AND MAY BE UPLOADED BELOW.

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1.6(B) Financial and Credit Information for Applicant Relying on Financial Standing of A Guarantor

First Item: Contact Information for the Guarantor

PLEASE PROVIDE THE INFORMATION FOR THE GUARANTOR. IF INFORMATION FOR A FIELD IS NOT AVAILABLE, ENTER "N/A".

Name of Guarantor	Legal Name of Guarantor (if different from above)
Place of Incorporation (if applicable)	
Federal Tax I.D.	
D&B DUNS #	
Please state whether Guarantor is corpor	ation, partnership, etc.
Years in Business	

The person designated below is a representative of the Guarantor.

Given Name(s)	Last Nan	ne	
Title			1
Street Address 1] 	
Street Address 2			
City		State	Zip Code
Telephone No.	Fax No.	Email Address	

<u>Second Item:</u> Financial Information

PLEASE EITHER UPLOAD THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR THE ENTITY ON WHOSE FINANCIAL STANDING YOU ARE RELYING (THE GUARANTOR) OR INDICATE THAT THE INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE.

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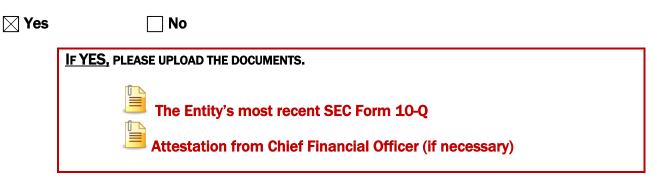
Is the following document available for the Guarantor?

• The Entity's most recent SEC Form 10-K; if unavailable, please provide the most recent audited annual financial information (including a balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement).

🛛 Yes	
	IF YES, PLEASE UPLOAD THE DOCUMENT.
	The Entity's most recent SEC Form 10-K

Are the following documents available for the Guarantor?

• The Entity's most recent SEC Form 10-Q; if unavailable, please provide the most recent audited quarterly financial information (including a balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement); if both an SEC Form 10-Q and audited quarterly financial information are unavailable, please provide the most recent quarterly or monthly financial data accompanied by an attestation by the Entity's Chief Financial Officer that the information submitted is true, correct and a fair representation of the Entity's financial condition.



Please provide the following financial information for the Entity along with page references to the relevant financial filings submitted:

	Amount (\$)	Financial Document Page Number	Financial Document Source	Date of Financial Document Source
Goodwill				
Shareholders' Equity				
Net Intangible Assets				

Third Item: Credit Ratings

X Yes

PLEASE PROVIDE ALL AVAILABLE RATINGS FROM S&P GLOBAL RATINGS ("S&P"), MOODY'S INVESTORS SERVICE, INC. ("MOODY'S"), AND FITCH RATINGS ("FITCH") FOR THE ENTITY ON WHOSE FINANCIAL STANDING YOU ARE RELYING (THE GUARANTOR).

No

1. Is the Entity rated by S&P?

IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE: For S&P, please provide a senior unsecured debt rating or, if unavailable, a corporate or issuer rating: _____

2. Is the Entity rated by Moody's? ⊠ Yes □ No

IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE:

For Moody's, please provide a senior unsecured debt rating or, if unavailable, a corporate or issuer rating: _____

3. Is the Entity rated by Fitch? ☐ Yes ☐ No

IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE:

For Fitch, please provide a senior unsecured debt rating or, if unavailable, a corporate or issuer rating: _____

Fourth Item: Additional Information Regarding the Applicant

Information provided under this item may impact the Applicant's ability to enter into the Master SSO Supply Agreement.

Is the Applicant and/or its parent (if applicable):

Operating under federal bankruptcy laws or bankruptcy laws in any other jurisdiction?

Applicant:		
Yes	🗌 No	
Parent:		
Yes	No No	□ N/A

Subject to pending litigation or regulatory proceedings (in state court, or in federal court, or from regulatory agencies, or in any other jurisdiction) which could materially impact the Applicant's and/or its parent's financial condition?

Applicant:		
Yes	No No	
Parent:		
Yes	🗌 No	□ N/A

Subject to collection lawsuits or outstanding judgments which could impact solvency?

Applicant:		
Yes	No No	
Parent:		
Yes	No No	□ N/A

PLEASE PROVIDE A STATEMENT DISCLOSING ANY EXISTING, PENDING OR PAST ADVERSE RULINGS, JUDGMENTS, LITIGATION, CONTINGENT LIABILITIES, REVOCATIONS OF AUTHORITY, ADMINISTRATIVE, REGULATORY (STATE, FERC, SEC OR DOJ) INVESTIGATIONS AND ANY OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO FINANCIAL OR OPERATIONAL STATUS FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS THAT ARISE FROM THE SALE OF ELECTRICITY OR NATURAL GAS, OR THAT MATERIALLY AFFECT CURRENT FINANCIAL OR OPERATIONAL STATUS OF THE APPLICANT (IF APPLICABLE).

Fifth Item: Additional Information Regarding the Applicant's Guarantor

Information provided under this item may impact the Applicant's ability to rely on the financial standing of the Guarantor.

Is the Guarantor and/or its parent (if applicable):

Operating under federal bankruptcy laws or bankruptcy laws in any other jurisdiction?

Guarantor:		
🗌 Yes	No No	
Parent:		
Yes	🗌 No	□ N/A

Subject to pending litigation or regulatory proceedings (in state court, or in federal court, or from regulatory agencies, or in any other jurisdiction) which could materially impact the Guarantor's and/or its parent's financial condition?

Guarantor:		
Yes	🗌 No	
Parent:		
Yes	🗌 No	□ N/A

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Guarantor:		
Yes	🗌 No	
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Yes	No No	□ N/A

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Sixth Item: Draft Pre-Bid Security Documents

Are you requesting	modifications to the standard form of the pre-bid letter of credit?
⊠ Yes	Νο

IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

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1.7 Foreign Applicants and Foreign Guarantors

Foreign Applicants

Is the Applicant a foreign entity?

🗌 No

<u>IF NO,</u>

Yes

First Item: Required Draft Documents for Foreign Applicants

This item does not apply to you.

Second Item: Additional Evidence of Creditworthiness for the Foreign Applicant

This item does not apply to you.

IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION.

First Item: Required Draft Documents for Foreign Applicants

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED FOR A FOREIGN APPLICANT UNDER THE MASTER SSO SUPPLY AGREEMENT. THE APPLICANT IS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A DRAFT OF THESE DOCUMENTS WITH ITS PART 1 APPLICATION:

- Draft legal opinion of counsel qualified to practice in the foreign jurisdiction in which the Foreign Applicant is organized that (a) the Foreign Applicant is duly incorporated and existing in such foreign jurisdiction; (b) the Master SSO Supply Agreement is the binding and enforceable obligation of the Foreign Applicant in such foreign jurisdiction and does not violate any local law or the Foreign Applicant's organizational or governing documents; and (c) all authorizations, approvals, consents, licenses, exemptions or other requirements of governmental, judicial or public bodies in such foreign jurisdiction have been obtained, and all execution formalities have been duly completed, necessary for the enforcement and validity of the Master SSO Supply Agreement and the performance by the Foreign Applicant of its obligations thereunder.
- Draft sworn certificate of the corporate secretary (or similar officer) of such Foreign Applicant that the person executing the Master SSO Supply Agreement on behalf of the Foreign Applicant has the authority to execute the Master SSO Supply Agreement and that the governing board of such Foreign Applicant has approved the execution of the Master SSO Supply Agreement.

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PLEASE UPLOAD THE REQUIRED DRAFT LEGAL OPINION OF COUNSEL AND DRAFT SWORN CERTIFICATE IN THE SPACES PROVIDED BELOW.
Draft Legal Opinion of Counsel Qualified in Foreign Jurisdiction
Draft Sworn Certificate of Corporate Secretary (or Similar Officer)
The Auction Manager will provide AEP Ohio's evaluation of the acceptability of the Draft Documents with the Applicant's Part 1 Notification. In THE PART 2 APPLICATION, THE APPLICANT MUST PROVIDE EXECUTED VERSIONS OF THE DOCUMENTS REQUIRED UNDER THE MASTER SSO SUPPLY AGREEMENT INCORPORATING ALL CHANGES REQUIRED BY AEP OHIO UPON REVIEW OF THE DRAFT DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED WITH THIS PART 1 APPLICATION.
Second Item: Additional Evidence of Creditworthiness for the Foreign Applicant
A Foreign Applicant may provide any additional evidence of creditworthiness for the Foreign Applicant so as to provide AEP Ohio with comparable assurances of creditworthiness as is applicable for an entity that has been incorporated or otherwise formed under the laws of a state of the United States or of the District of Columbia.
Are you submitting additional evidence of creditworthiness for the Foreign Applicant?
IF YES, You have optionally selected to provide additional evidence of creditworthiness for the Foreign Applicant. PLEASE UPLOAD THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION.

Foreign Guarantors

Is the Applicant relying on the financial standing of a foreign guarantor? Yes No

IF NO,

Third Item: Required Draft Documents for Foreign Guarantors

This item does not apply to you.

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Fourth Item: Additional Evidence of Creditworthiness for the Foreign Guarantor

This item does not apply to you.

IF YES, PLEASE PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION.

Third Item: Required Draft Documents for Foreign Guarantors

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- Draft sworn certificate of the corporate secretary (or similar officer) of such Guarantor that the person executing the Total Exposure Amount Guaranty and the person executing the Independent Credit Threshold Guaranty on behalf of the Guarantor has the authority to execute the Total Exposure Amount Guaranty and the Independent Credit Threshold Guaranty, and that the governing board of such Guarantor has approved the execution of the Total Exposure Amount Guaranty and the Independent Credit Threshold Guaranty.

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Yes No IF YES, YOU HAVE OPTIONALLY SELECTED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE OF CREDITWORTHINESS FOR THE FOREIGN GUARANTOR. PLEASE UPLOAD THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION. Additional Evidence of Creditworthiness for the Foreign Guarantor

1.8 Bidding Agreements

Please note that AEP Ohio will not review information provided in this section.

Is the Applicant bidding independently and not as a party to any bidding agreement with another party or through any other arrangement involving joint or coordinated bidding with any other party?

	Yes
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🖂 No

IF NO, THE REPRESENTATIVE MUST PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE BIDDING AGREEMENT. PLEASE COMPLETE AND UPLOAD THE BIDDING AGREEMENT INSERT (#P1-7).

BIDDING AGREEMENT INSERT (#P1-7)

Name of Applicant

THE AUCTION MANAGER IS ACCEPTING DIGITALLY SIGNED INSERTS.

This Insert may be:

- Printed, signed, scanned, and uploaded to the online Part 1 Form; or
- Submitted with a digital signature and a document or information verifying the identity of the signatory.

Electronic signatures (e.g., a picture of a signature as opposed to a digital signature entered through software such as that offered by DocuSign) are not acceptable.

BIDDING AGREEMENT INSERT (#P1-7)

Please note that AEP Ohio will not review information provided in this section.

Please indicate below:

- Whether you are part of a bidding agreement, bidding consortium, joint venture, or other arrangement that is related to your participation in the auction;
- The names of the other parties to the bidding agreement or other arrangement.

 Bidding Agreement
 Bidding Consortium

 Joint Venture
 Other (define: ____)

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Other parties to the bidding agreement or other arrangement:
If you are part of a bidding agreement, a joint venture for the purpose of participating in the auction, or a bidding consortium, or any other arrangement pertaining to participating in the auction, you must nominate below a single party to the bidding
agreement, bidding consortium or joint venture to fulfill the creditworthiness requirements. A representative of the party named above must sign here to acknowledge the fact that
this party has agreed to fulfill the creditworthiness requirements: Signature of representative of the party named Date
above that will fulfill the creditworthiness requirements

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1.9 Justification of Omissions

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE ALL DOCUMENTS OR INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THIS APPLICATION, PLEASE JUSTIFY FULLY ANY OMISSIONS IN THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW.

IF YOU NEED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS THAT COULD NOT BE UPLOADED IN PREVIOUS SECTIONS, PLEASE PROVIDE THESE BELOW.

Additional Document 1 Additional Document 2 Additional Document 3 Additional Document 4

End of Part 1 Form