

Mercantile Customer Project Commitment Agreement
Cash Rebate Option

THIS MERCANTILE CUSTOMER PROJECT COMMITMENT AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and between Ohio Edison Co., its successors and assigns (hereinafter called the "Company") and County of Summit, Taxpayer ID No. #34-6002767 its permitted successors and assigns (hereinafter called the "Customer") (collectively the "Parties" or individually the "Party") and is effective on the date last executed by the Parties as indicated below.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Company is an electric distribution utility and electric light company, as both of these terms are defined in R.C. § 4928.01(A); and

WHEREAS, Customer believes that it is a mercantile customer, as that term is defined in R.C. § 4928.01(A)(19), doing business within the Company's certified service territory; and

WHEREAS, R.C. § 4928.66 (the "Statute") requires the Company to meet certain energy efficiency and peak demand reduction ("EE&PDR") benchmarks; and

WHEREAS, when complying with certain EE&PDR benchmarks the Company may include the effects of mercantile customer-sited EE&PDR projects; and

WHEREAS, Customer has certain customer-sited demand reduction, demand response, or energy efficiency project(s) as set forth in attached Exhibit 1 (the "Customer Energy Project(s)") that it desires to commit to the Company for integration into the Company's Energy Efficiency & Peak Demand Reduction Program Portfolio Plan ("Company Plan") that the Company will implement in order to comply with the Statute; and

WHEREAS, the Customer, pursuant to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio's ("Commission") September 15, 2010 Order in Case No. 10-834-EL-EBC, desires to pursue a cash rebate of some of the costs pertaining to its Customer Energy Project(s) ("Cash Rebate").

WHEREAS, Customer's decision to commit its Customer Energy Project(s) to the Company for inclusion in the Company Plan has been reasonably encouraged by the possibility of a Cash Rebate.

WHEREAS, in consideration of, and upon receipt of, said cash rebate, Customer will commit the Customer Energy Project(s) to the Company and will comply with all other terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises set forth herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties, intending to be legally bound, do hereby agree as follows:

1. **Customer Energy Projects.** Customer hereby commits to the Company and Company accepts for integration into the Company Plan the Customer Energy Project(s) set forth on attached Exhibit 1. Said commitment shall be for the life of the Customer Energy Project(s). Company will incorporate said project(s) into the Company Plan to the extent that such projects qualify. In so committing, Customer acknowledges that the information provided to the Company about the Customer Energy Project(s) is true and accurate to the best of its knowledge.
 - a. By committing the Customer Energy Project(s) to the Company, Customer acknowledges and agrees that the Company shall control the use of the kWh and/or kW reductions

resulting from said projects for purposes of complying with the Statute. It is expressly agreed that Customer may use any and all energy related and other attributes created from the Customer Energy Project(s) to the extent permitted by state or federal laws or regulations, provided, and to the extent, that such uses by Customer do not conflict with said compliance by the Company.

- b. The Company acknowledges that some of Customer's Energy Projects contemplated in this paragraph may have been performed under certain other federal and/or state programs in which certain parameters are required to be maintained in order to retain preferential financing or other government benefits (individually and collectively, as appropriate, "Benefits"). In the event that the use of any such project by the Company in any way affects such Benefits, and upon written request from the Customer, Company will release said Customer's Energy Project(s) to the extent necessary for Customer to meet the prerequisites for such Benefits. Customer acknowledges that such release (i) may affect Customer's cash rebate discussed in Article 3 below; and (ii) will not affect any of Customer's other requirements or obligations.
 - c. Any future Customer Energy Project(s) committed by Customer shall be subject to a separate application and, upon approval by the Commission, said projects shall become part of this Agreement.
 - d. Customer will provide Company or Company's agent(s) with reasonable assistance in the preparation of the Commission's standard joint application for approval of this Agreement ("Joint Application") that will be filed with the Commission, with such Joint Application being consistent with then current Commission requirements.
 - e. Upon written request and reasonable advance notice, Customer will grant employees or authorized agents of either the Company or the Commission reasonable, pre-arranged access to the Customer Energy Project(s) for purposes of measuring and verifying energy savings and/or peak demand reductions resulting from the Customer Energy Project(s). It is expressly agreed that consultants of either the Company or the Commission are their respective authorized agents.
2. **Joint Application to the Commission.** The Parties will submit the Joint Application using the Commission's standard "Application to Commit Energy Efficiency/Peak Demand Reduction Programs" ("Joint Application") in which they will seek the Commission's approval of (i) this Agreement; (ii) the commitment of the Customer Energy Project(s) for inclusion in the Company Plan; and (iii) the Customer's Cash Rebate.

The Joint Application shall include all information as set forth in the Commission's standard form which, includes without limitation:

- i. A narrative description of the Customer Energy Project(s), including but not limited to, make, model and year of any installed and/or replaced equipment;
 - ii. A copy of this Agreement; and
 - iii. A description of all methodologies, protocols, and practices used or proposed to be used in measuring and verifying program results.
3. **Customer Cash Rebate.** Upon Commission approval of the Joint Application, Customer shall provide Company with a W-9 tax form, which shall at a minimum include Customer's tax identification number. Within the greater of 90 days of the Commission's approval of the Joint Application or the completion of the Customer Energy Project, the Company will issue to the

Customer the Cash Rebate in the amount set forth in the Commission's Finding and Order approving the Joint Application.

- a. Customer acknowledges: i) that the Company will cap the Cash Rebate at the lesser of 50% of Customer Energy Project(s) costs or \$250,000; ii) the maximum rebate that the Customer may receive per year is \$500,000 per Taxpayer Identification Number per utility service territory; and iii) if the Customer Energy Project qualifies for a rebate program approved by the Commission and offered by the Company, Customer may still elect to file such project under the Company's mercantile customer self direct program, however the Cash Rebate that will be paid shall be discounted by 25%; and
- b. Customer acknowledges that breaches of this Agreement, include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Customer's failure to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement, or its equivalent, within a reasonable period of time after receipt of written notice of such non-compliance;
 - ii. Customer knowingly falsifying any documents provided to the Company or the Commission in connection with this Agreement or the Joint Application.
- c. In the event of a breach of this Agreement by the Customer, Customer agrees and acknowledges that it will repay to the Company, within 90 days of receipt of written notice of said breach, the full amount of the Cash Rebate paid under this Agreement. This remedy is in addition to any and all other remedies available to the Company by law or equity.

4. Termination of Agreement. This Agreement shall automatically terminate:

- a. If the Commission fails to approve the Joint Agreement;
- b. Upon order of the Commission; or
- c. At the end of the life of the last Customer Energy Project subject to this Agreement.

Customer shall also have an option to terminate this Agreement should the Commission not approve the Customer's Cash Rebate, provided that Customer provides the Company with written notice of such termination within ten days of either the Commission issuing a final appealable order or the Ohio Supreme Court issuing its opinion should the matter be appealed.

5. Confidentiality. Each Party shall hold in confidence and not release or disclose to any person any document or information furnished by the other Party in connection with this Agreement that is designated as confidential and proprietary ("Confidential Information"), unless: (i) compelled to disclose such document or information by judicial, regulatory or administrative process or other provisions of law; (ii) such document or information is generally available to the public; or (iii) such document or information was available to the receiving Party on a non-confidential basis at the time of disclosure.

- a. Notwithstanding the above, a Party may disclose to its employees, directors, attorneys, consultants and agents all documents and information furnished by the other Party in connection with this Agreement, provided that such employees, directors, attorneys, consultants and agents have been advised of the confidential nature of this information and through such disclosure are deemed to be bound by the terms set forth herein.

- b. A Party receiving such Confidential Information shall protect it with the same standard of care as its own confidential or proprietary information.
 - c. A Party receiving notice or otherwise concluding that Confidential Information furnished by the other Party in connection with this Agreement is being sought under any provision of law, to the extent it is permitted to do so under any applicable law, shall endeavor to: (i) promptly notify the other Party; and (ii) use reasonable efforts in cooperation with the other Party to seek confidential treatment of such Confidential Information, including without limitation, the filing of such information under a valid protective order.
 - d. By executing this Agreement, Customer hereby acknowledges and agrees that Company may disclose to the Commission or its Staff any and all Customer information, including Confidential Information, related to a Customer Energy Project, provided that Company uses reasonable efforts to seek confidential treatment of the same.
6. **Taxes.** Customer shall be responsible for all tax consequences (if any) arising from the payment of the Cash Rebate.
7. **Notices.** Unless otherwise stated herein, all notices, demands or requests required or permitted under this Agreement must be in writing and must be delivered or sent by overnight express mail, courier service, electronic mail or facsimile transmission addressed as follows:

If to the Company:

FirstEnergy Service Company
 76 South Main Street
 Akron, OH 44308
 Attn: Victoria Nofziger
 Telephone: 330-384-4684
 Fax: 330-761-4281
 Email: ymnofziger@firstenergycorp.com

If to the Customer:

County of Summit
 175 S. Main St.
 Akron , OH 44308
 Attn : Brian Clark
 Telephone : 330-926-2487
 Fax : 330-926-2509
 Email: bclark@summitoh.net

or to such other person at such other address as a Party may designate by like notice to the other Party. Notice received after the close of the business day will be deemed received on the next business day; provided that notice by facsimile transmission will be deemed to have been received by the recipient if the recipient confirms receipt telephonically or in writing.

8. **Authority to Act.** The Parties represent and warrant that they are represented by counsel in connection with this Agreement, have been fully advised in connection with the execution thereof, have taken all legal and corporate steps necessary to enter into this Agreement, and that the undersigned has the authority to enter into this Agreement, to bind the Parties to all provisions herein and to take the actions required to be performed in fulfillment of the undertakings contained herein.
9. **Non-Waiver.** The delay or failure of either party to assert or enforce in any instance strict performance of any of the terms of this Agreement or to exercise any rights hereunder conferred, shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment to any extent of its rights to assert or rely upon such terms or rights at any later time or on any future occasion.
10. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement, along with related exhibits, and the Company's Rider DSE, or its equivalent, as amended from time to time by the Commission, contains the Parties' entire understanding with respect to the matters addressed herein and there are no verbal or collateral representations, undertakings, or agreements not expressly set forth herein. No change in, addition to, or waiver of the terms of this Agreement shall be binding upon any of the Parties unless the same is set forth in writing and signed by an authorized representative of each of the Parties. In

the event of any conflict between Rider DSE or its equivalent and this document, the latter shall prevail.

11. **Assignment.** Customer may not assign any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without obtaining the prior written consent of the Company, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld. No assignment of this Agreement will relieve the assigning Party of any of its obligations under this Agreement until such obligations have been assumed by the assignee and all necessary consents have been obtained.
12. **Severability.** If any portion of this Agreement is held invalid, the Parties agree that such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Agreement, and the Parties further agree to substitute for the invalid portion a valid provision that most closely approximates the economic effect and intent of the invalid provision.
13. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by the laws and regulations of the State of Ohio, without regard to its conflict of law provisions.
14. **Execution and Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, which taken together shall constitute an original without the necessity of all parties signing the same page or the same documents, and may be executed by signatures to electronically or telephonically transmitted counterparts in lieu of original printed or photocopied documents. Signatures transmitted by facsimile shall be considered original signatures.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officers or representatives as of the day and year set forth below.

County of Summit

(Customer)

By: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

Ohio Edison Company

(Company)

By: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____