# EXHIBIT "E-1" FORM OF CORPORATE GUARANTY

## **GUARANTY**

THIS GUARANTY is executed as of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_, a \_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_, a \_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_, a \_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_, a \_\_\_, a \_\_\_, a \_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_, a

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, a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), and the Counterparty have entered into an Interconnection and Operation Agreement, dated as of hereof (the "<u>Agreement</u>"). As an inducement to the Counterparty to enter into the Agreement and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt, and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Guarantor covenants and agrees as follows:

1. <u>Guaranty of Payment</u>. The Guarantor hereby irrevocably and unconditionally guarantees the due punctual and full payment of any and all obligations of the Company to the Counterparty now or hereafter due pursuant to the Agreement (the "<u>Guaranteed Obligation</u>"), subject to the limits set forth herein. Upon any failure by the Company to pay any of the Guaranteed Obligation, the Guarantor agrees that it will forthwith on demand pay any amounts which the Company has failed to pay the Counterparty, at the place and in the manner specified in the Agreement. This guaranty is a guaranty of payment and not merely a guaranty of collection. The Guaranteed Obligation, whether or not the Counterparty shall have resorted to any collateral security, or shall have proceeded against any other obligor principally or secondarily obligated with respect to any of the Guaranteed Obligation. Guarantor reserves the right to assert defenses arising from the bankruptcy, insolvency, or similar proceeding of the Company and other defenses expressly waived hereby.

2. <u>Guaranty Unconditional and Absolute</u>. The obligations of the Guarantor hereunder shall be unconditional and absolute and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, shall not be released, discharged or otherwise affected by:

(i) any extension, renewal, settlement, compromise, waiver, discharge, or release in respect of any Guaranteed Obligation of the Company;

(ii) the existence, or extent of, any release, exchange, surrender, non-perfection, or invalidity of any direct or indirect security for any of the Guaranteed Obligation;

(iii) any modification, amendment, waiver, extension of or supplement to the Agreement or any of the Guaranteed Obligation agreed to from time to time by the Company and the Counterparty;

(iv) any change in the corporate existence (including its constitution, laws, rules, regulations or powers), structure or ownership of the Company or the Guarantor, or any insolvency, bankruptcy, reorganization or other similar proceeding affecting the Company or its assets, the Guarantor or any other guarantor of any of the Guaranteed Obligation;

(v) the existence of any claim, set-off or other rights which the Guarantor may have at any time against the Company, the Counterparty or any other corporation or person, whether in connection herewith or in connection with any unrelated transaction; provided that nothing herein shall prevent the assertion of any such claim by separate suit or compulsory counterclaim if such claim, set off or other right arose in connection with the Guaranteed Obligation.

3. <u>Term: Reinstatement in Certain Circumstances</u>. This Guaranty shall remain in full force and effect until the earlier of i) expiration or termination of the Agreement, ii) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Such termination shall not release Guarantor from liability for any Guaranteed Obligation arising prior to the effective date of such termination. If at any time any payment of any of the Guaranteed Obligation is rescinded or must be otherwise restored or returned upon the insolvency, bankruptcy, or reorganization of the Company, the Guarantor's obligations hereunder with respect to such payment shall be reinstated at such time as though such payment had not been made.

4. <u>Waiver by the Guarantor</u>. The Guarantor irrevocably waives acceptance hereof, diligence, presentment, demand, protest, notice of dishonor, notice of any sale of collateral and any notice not provided for herein, and any requirement that at any time any person exhaust any right to take any action against the Company or its assets or any other guarantor or person.

5. <u>Subrogation</u>. Upon making any payment hereunder, the Guarantor shall be subrogated to the rights of the Counterparty against the Company with respect to such payment; provided that the Guarantor shall not enforce any right or receive any payment by way of subrogation until all of the Guaranteed Obligation then due shall have been paid in full and Counterparty agrees to take at Guarantor's expense such steps as the Guarantor may reasonably request to implement such subrogation.

6. <u>Stay of Acceleration Ineffective with Respect to Guarantor</u>. In the event that acceleration of the time for payment of any amount payable by the Company under the Agreement is stayed upon the insolvency, bankruptcy or reorganization of the Company, all such amounts otherwise subject to acceleration or required to be paid upon an early termination pursuant to the terms of the Agreement shall nonetheless be payable by the Guarantor hereunder forthwith on demand by the Counterparty.

7. <u>Assignment: Successors and Assigns</u>. Neither the Guarantor nor the Counterparty may assign its rights or obligations under this Guaranty without the prior written consent of the other, which consent may not be unreasonably withheld or delayed, except that:

(i) the Guarantor may make such an assignment without such consent if a) in conjunction with the assignment by the Obligor of all of its rights and obligations under the Agreement and the assignee's long-term senior unsecured debt has an investment grade rating by Standard and Poor's ("S&P") or Moody's Investor Services, Inc. ("Moody's"), or if the assignee does not have a long-term senior unsecured debt rating, then the rating assigned to such entity as its Corporate Credit Rating by S&P or Issuer Rating by Moody's shall be investment grade; b) the Obligor ceases to be a person or entity controlled by, controlling or under common control with the Guarantor and the assignee's long-term senior unsecured debt has an investment grade rating by S&P or Moody's, or if the assignee does not have a long-term senior unsecured debt rating, then the rating assigned to such entity as its Corporate Credit Rating by S&P or Issuer Rating by Moody's shall be investment grade or c) to an entity whose long-term senior unsecured debt has an investment grade rating by S&P or Moody's, or if the assignee does not have a long-term senior unsecured debt rating, then the rating assigned to such entity as its Corporate Credit Rating by S&P or Issuer Rating by Moody's shall be investment grade; provided that in regard to any assignment contemplated under this subsection 7 (i), Guarantor must provide notice of any assignment, Guarantor's obligations hereunder must be expressly assumed in writing, in a form reasonably acceptable to the Counterparty, and Counterparty reserves the right to evaluate the current financial condition of any assignee and must acknowledge and accept such assignee before any assignment can take effect; provided further that such assumption shall be deemed to release the Guarantor from all of its obligations under this Guaranty automatically and without further action by the Guarantor or the Counterparty, and

(ii) the Counterparty may, upon thirty (30) days prior written notice, make such an assignment without such consent if in conjunction with any assignment of the Agreement by the Counterparty permitted under the Agreement.

(iii) Guarantor and Counterparty recognize that Obligor may make a full or partial assignment of the Agreement to any Affiliate of Obligor without Counterparty's consent, provided that in such event this Guaranty shall continue in full force and effect for the benefit of Counterparty as to the assignee, whether one or more. Further, in the event of one or more partial assignments of the Agreement by Obligor to Affiliate(s) of Obligor, A) each assignee shall be deemed a Generator under the Agreement for the purpose of and only to the extent of its assigned interest and B) Counterparty shall pursue any rights with respect to the Agreement only against the assignee to the extent of its interest therein, it being understood that the assignees shall have several liability, but not joint liability, under the Agreement to the extent of their respective assigned interests.

(iv) Any purported assignment in violation of this Section 7 shall be void and without effect.

8. <u>Amendments and Waivers</u>. No provision of this Guaranty may be amended, supplemented, or modified, nor any of the terms and conditions hereof waived, except by a written instrument executed by the Guarantor and the Counterparty.

9. <u>Remedies Cumulative</u>. The rights, powers, remedies, and privileges provided in this Guaranty are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights, powers, remedies, and privileges provided by law and any other agreement.

10. <u>Limitation</u>. Notwithstanding anything in this Guaranty to the contrary, Guarantor's liability under this Guaranty and the Counterparty's right of recovery under the same shall be limited to an aggregate amount of \_\_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$\_\_\_\_\_\_). Guarantor's liability hereunder shall be and is specifically limited to payments expressly required to be made under the Agreement (even if such payments are deemed to be damages); and in no event shall Guarantor be subject hereunder to consequential, exemplary, equitable, loss of profits, punitive, or any other damages, except to the extent specifically provided in the Agreement to be due from Company. In the event Counterparty engages in litigation to enforce this Guaranty, Guarantor agrees to pay, in addition to any amounts of Debtor which Guarantor has otherwise guaranteed to pay hereunder, any and all costs and expenses incurred by Counterparty (including reasonable attorney's fees) in enforcing this Guaranty provided Counterparty is successful in such litigation.

11. <u>Waiver of Jury Trial</u>. The Guarantor and the Counterparty, through acceptance of this Guaranty, waive all rights to trial by jury in any action, proceeding or counterclaim arising or relating to this Guaranty.

#### 12 Representations and Warranties.

(A) The Guarantor is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation and has full corporate power to execute, deliver and perform this Guaranty.

(B) The execution, delivery, and performance of the Guaranty have been and remain duly authorized by all necessary corporate action and do not contravene any provision of law or of the Guarantor's constitutional documents or any contractual restriction binding on the Guarantor or its assets.

(C) All consents, authorizations and approvals of, and registrations and declarations with, any governmental authority necessary for the due execution, delivery and performance of this Guaranty have been obtained and remain in full force and effect and all conditions thereof have been duly complied with, and no other action by and no notice to or filing with, any governmental authority is required in connection with the execution, delivery, or performance of this Guaranty.

(D) This Guaranty constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Guarantor enforceable against the Guarantor in accordance with its terms, subject, as to enforcement, to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization and other laws of general applicability relating to or affecting creditors' rights and to general equity principles.

13 <u>Notices</u>. All notices or communications to the other party may be faxed and shall be followed in writing by registered or certified mail, or overnight delivery service to:

### **To Guarantor:**

Attn: \_\_\_\_\_\_

#### To Counterparty:

American Electric Power Service Corporation Attn: Managing Director, Credit Risk Management 155 West Nationwide Blvd, Suite 500 Columbus, OH 43215 Fax: (614) 324-4591

or such other address as each party shall from time to time specify. Notice shall be deemed given a) when received, as evidenced by signed receipt, if sent by hand delivery, overnight courier or registered mail or b) when received, as evidenced by transmission confirmation report, if sent by facsimile and received on or before 4 pm local time of recipient, or c) the next business day, as evidenced by transmission confirmation report, if sent by facsimile and received after 4 pm local time of recipient.

14 <u>GOVERNING LAW AND JURISDICTION</u>. THIS GUARANTY WILL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, WITHOUT REFERENCE TO CHOICE OF LAW DOCTRINE.

15 Third Party Beneficiaries. This Guaranty shall not be construed to create any third party beneficiary relationship as to or with any person or entity other than the Counterparty.

16 Entire Agreement; Amendments. This Guaranty integrates all of the terms and conditions mentioned herein or incidental hereto and supersedes all oral negotiations and prior writings in respect to the subject matter hereof.

17 Headings. The headings of the various Sections of this Guaranty are for convenience of reference only and shall not modify, define or limit any of the terms or provisions hereof.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Guarantor has caused this Guaranty to be duly executed as of the date first above written.

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By: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: Title:

# EXHIBIT "E-2" FORM OF IRREVOCABLE STANDBY LETTER OF CREDIT

DATE OF ISSUANCE:

[Address]

RE: Credit No.

We hereby establish our Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit in your favor for the account of \_\_\_\_\_\_ (the "Account Party"), for the aggregate amount not exceeding \_\_\_\_\_\_ United States Dollars (\$\_\_\_\_\_\_), available to you for payment at sight upon demand at our counters at (Location) on or before the expiration hereof against presentation to us of the following document, dated and signed by a representative of the beneficiary:

"The Account Party has not performed in accordance with an agreement and is in default. Wherefore, the undersigned does hereby demand payment of USD. [Beneficiary fills in the amount not to exceed the full value of the letter of credit]"

Partial and multiple drawings are permitted hereunder.

We hereby agree with you that documents drawn under and in compliance with the terms of this Letter of Credit shall be duly honored upon presentation as specified.

This Letter of Credit shall be governed by the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits, 2007 Revision, International Chamber of Commerce Publication No. 600 (the "UCP"), except to the extent that the terms hereof are inconsistent with the provisions of the UCP, including but not limited to Articles 14(b) and 36 of the UCP, in which case the terms of this Letter of Credit shall govern. With respect to Article 14(b) of the UCP, the Issuing Bank shall have a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed three (3) banking days following the date of its receipt of documents from the Beneficiary, to examine the documents and determine whether to take up or refuse the documents and to inform the Beneficiary thereof accordingly.

In the event of an Act of God, riot, civil commotion, insurrection, war or any other cause beyond our control that interrupts our business (collectively, an "Interruption Event") and causes the place for presentation of this Letter of Credit to be closed for business on the last day for presentation, the expiry date of this Letter of Credit will be automatically extended without amendment to a date thirty (30) calendar days after the place for presentation reopens for business.

It is a condition of this Letter of Credit that it will be automatically extended without amendment for one (1) year from the expiration date hereof, or any future expiration date, unless at least ninety (90) days prior to any expiration date we notify you at the above address by

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registered mail or hand delivered courier that we elect not to consider this Letter of Credit renewed for any such period.

All commissions, expenses and charges incurred with this Letter of Credit are for the account of the Account Party.

{Note: Must note the Expiry Date in the format}

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