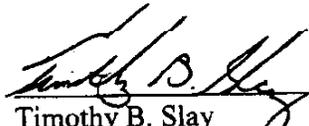


DECLARATION OF TIMOTHY B. SLAY

I, Timothy B. Slay, Manager of Information Management-Telecommunications of Duke Energy Corporation (Duke), declare under penalty of perjury that:

1. I am Engineering Manager of Information Management-Telecommunications of Duke and am authorized to provide this Declaration in connection with the Comments of Duke Energy Corporation.

2. In my capacity as Manager of Information Management-Telecommunications, I have reviewed the attached Comments and the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

  
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Timothy B. Slay  
Duke Energy Corporation

Date: May 3, 2002