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The Honorable Ted Strickland
Governor of State of Ohio
Riffe Center, 30th Floor
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Columbus, OH 43215-6108

Dear Governor Strickland:

As the owner of Mercury Plastics, Inc., I am writing in support of the new transmission line that FirstEnergy is proposing to build in Geauga County.

Over the years our business has grown at a steady rate. Our manufacturing facility in Middlefield employs 225 workers, and I cannot afford to have them idled for any reason. Now more than ever, our precision equipment demands reliable electric service, as even momentary outages can cause product line delays or cause the quality of our products to be impaired.

Representatives from FirstEnergy have explained to us that without this new transmission line, providing reliable electric service to our area will be a challenge. Their existing circuits and substations are becoming overextended because of high usage and growth, and it will be increasingly difficult to maintain voltage levels within the acceptable ranges our equipment demands.

As a representative of this region, I hop I can count on your support of this proposed transmission line because of the economic benefits it will bring.

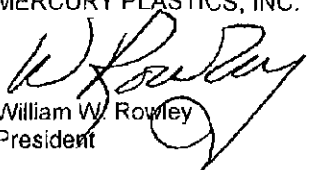
The final route for the transmission line will be determined by the Ohio Power Sitting Board (OPSB). If you agree that this new transmission line will help enhance our operations and in the process provide added benefits to the region, I would suggest that you send a letter expressing your support to the OPSB, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, 43215. The project is **Case Number 07-0171-EL-BTX**.

Certification of either the "preferred" (cross-Country) route or "alternate" (Clay St.) route is the best way to bring a new supply of energy. The OPSB needs to certify either the "preferred" or "alternate" route without further delay.

As a business owner with substantial ties to this region, growth is always my goal. I hope it is yours as well.

Best regards,

MERCURY PLASTICS, INC.


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