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Dr. Alan R. Schriber  
Chairman  
The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: *Application to Approve Sale of Street Lights to Cleveland*  
*PUCO Docket No. 08-704-EL-ATR*

Dear Chairman Schriber:

I am writing to express the City of Cleveland's support for the application by The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company for approval to sell its street lighting facilities to the City of Cleveland and to request your agency to expedite its consideration of CEI's application.

The City currently owns and maintains about two-thirds of the City's street lights and this Application will transfer the remaining lights to the City. Consolidating ownership of the street lights in a single utility will promote more efficient maintenance of the street lighting system and improved service to the City's residents. The proposed transfer agreement is the fruit of lengthy and amicable negotiations between CEI and the City, all to the benefit of the City's residents.

I am requesting the Commission to expedite its consideration of CEI's application to allow the transfer of the street lights as soon as possible. We have been working to increase staffing and equipment levels to ensure the residents continue to receive excellent street lighting service. The City has also made arrangements to begin consolidating and removing duplicative street lights and we desire to commence that work during the current construction season. The sooner we are able to complete this transaction, the sooner the City's residents will begin receiving the benefits of the agreement.

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Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. If you should have any questions, please contact Valarie J. McCall, Chief of Government Affairs, at 216.664.3544 or via email at [vmccall@city.cleveland.oh.us](mailto:vmccall@city.cleveland.oh.us).

Sincerely,



Frank G. Jackson  
Mayor

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