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April 20, 2010

Mr. Alan R. Schriber
Chairman
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 E. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Case Number: 10-388-EL-SSO

Dear Mr. Schriber:

I am writing in support of the provision pertaining to Cleveland Clinic contained within the proposed electric security plan ("ESP") recently filed by Ohio Edison, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company and Toledo Edison in the offices of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. These provisions will provide utility infrastructure upgrades which will enable Cleveland Clinic to proceed with a major expansion at its Main Campus location.

Cleveland Clinic is one of America's top hospitals and a major economic force in Northeast Ohio. The organization is the second largest employer in the state with over 40,000 Ohio based employees. As cited in *U.S. News and World Report*, Cleveland Clinic has been the home of the top rated heart program in the country for 15 years. In addition, Cleveland Clinic is rated in the top 10 and highest in Ohio for many other specialties including cancer, digestive disorders, urology, and neurology.

Given Cleveland's economic challenges the City obviously welcomes investments that create permanent jobs. Cleveland Clinic's expansion plans call for a \$1.4 billion capital investment at the Main Campus located in the City of Cleveland. This investment will generate more than 1,000 permanent jobs within the Cleveland Clinic and support hundreds of local construction jobs.

The Clinic's expansion requires alterations and modifications to the electrical plant, facilities and equipment. The utility upgrades contained within the ESP will provide more reliable power to Cleveland Clinic and support the infrastructure necessary to continue technological advancements which enable world class care.

Again, I ask for favorable consideration of the provisions of the ESP relating to Cleveland Clinic.

Sincerely,


Tim Hagan
Cuyahoga County Commissioner

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