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Case No. 08-940-GA-ALT (Eastern Natural Gas Company)

Case No. 08-941-GA-ALT (Pike Natural Gas Company)

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

On May 7, 2010, Mr. Larry Sauer of the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel filed a letter explaining why OCC is neither supporting nor opposing the Stipulation in these cases. The Applicants do not intend to file a response to that letter. The Applicants respectfully request that the Commission issue an Opinion and Order in these matters as soon as practical.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen M. Howard

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cc: Counsel of Record