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Ms. Betty McCauley
Director, Office of Administration
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
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Columbus, Ohio 43215

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Re: *In the Matter of the Application of The East Ohio Gas Company
d/b/a Dominion East Ohio for Approval to Modify and Further
Accelerate its Pipeline Infrastructure Replacement Program
and to Recover the Associated Costs.*
Case No. 11-2401-GA-ALT

Dear Ms. McCauley:

The Utility Workers Union Of America, Local G555 ("Local G555") files this letter in support of The East Ohio Gas Company d/b/a Dominion East Ohio's ("DEO") Motion to Modify its PIR Program. Local G555 represents approximately twelve hundred (1,200) DEO employees. These employees perform a wide range of duties including installation, maintenance and repair of gas lines and mains, responding to gas leaks and other hazards, reading meters, turning service on and off, and lighting and checking appliances for safe operation. In addition, these employees provide inspection of contractor pipeline work to ensure safe installation and compliance with DEO standards.

Local G555 moved to intervene in this proceeding on May 2, 2011 in order to monitor this proceeding and make sure that the interests of our members are adequately represented. We have reviewed DEO's Motion and accompanying testimony. Local G555 does not anticipate filing testimony in this proceeding, but wishes to inform the Commission that we fully support DEO's request to further accelerate the PIR Program. An accelerated program would further enhance system safety and benefit the Ohio economy generally, and Local G555 workers in particular. We ask that the Commission approve DEO's request to further accelerate the PIR Program.

Very truly yours,

Michael Coleman
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