



June 24, 2011

Mr. Todd A. Snitchler, Chairman
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Via Facsimile to 614-752-8351

Dear Mr. Snitchler,

Re: **PUCO ESP Case #11-3549-EL-SSO**

Cincinnati Museum Center at Union Terminal has long been a partner with Duke Energy, Inc. We are only one of the many community organizations that appreciate a partnership with Duke. They are exemplary neighbors in our region and have made a great impact in Cincinnati.

Cincinnati Museum Center, home to the Duke Energy Children's Museum, has more than one million visitors annually and has been recognized as the 17th most visited museum according to *Forbes Traveler* magazine, and is a recipient of the Institute of Museum & Library Services National Medal for Community Service.

Duke Energy's support allows CMC to be a successful community learning experience for all families and students in our region. Cincinnati Museum Center reaches 400,000 students during the school year providing nearly 2,000 hours of programming for children covering topics such as arts, culture, reading, science and more.

For nearly 65 years, the Duke Energy trains exhibit has been one of the favored holiday attractions in downtown Cincinnati. These iconic trains have been a special part of Cincinnati for many generations and hold dear memories for grandparents, parents and children alike. Duke Energy has generously gifted this train exhibit to Cincinnati Museum Center, allowing generations to continue to enjoy a holiday tradition and to create new memories in our historic train station home, Cincinnati Union Terminal.

Cincinnati Museum Center is not the only organization that benefits from Duke Energy, Inc. They support science and technology through STEM programming in Ohio, as well as other science centers in other Ohio cities. They provide support to children through Big Brothers & Big Sisters organizations, the Boy Scouts of America and Boys and Girls clubs throughout the state and supportive of many other arts and cultural organizations.

Duke Energy, Inc. has been a great neighbor providing financial support, volunteer leadership and a deep commitment to the future of our community. They have fostered many programs and organizations that help our children, our families and our communities grow. We have all benefited from the community commitment of Duke Energy, Inc.

Sincerely,

Douglass W. McDonald
President and CEO

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