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RE: Case No. 11-5028-GA-UNC, 11-5029-GA-AAM

The Community Action Program Corporation of Washington-Morgan Counties, Ohio expresses its support for the Demand Side Management programs proposed by Columbia Gas of Ohio in the above case numbers. Our Agency is a private non-profit organization providing services to low and moderate income individuals and families. Energy costs place a disproportionate burden on most of the people we serve; therefore the agency provides a variety of energy related activities in order to help reduce that burden. Columbia's programs will provide customers with substantial energy conservation benefits such as reduced natural gas bills as a result of participating in the proposed programs. The programs have the potential to significantly reduce the energy costs for residents of our two counties over the life of the energy conservation measures.

In addition to lower bills, these programs also:

- Create/retain jobs for Ohioans
- Invest in products and services offered by businesses in Ohio
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Enhance conservation as an energy resource in Ohio
- Improve the safety, health, durability, comfort and affordability of customers' homes
- Reduce the growth of arrearages for Percentage of Income Payment Plan customers

Columbia's proposed DSM programs will help our families heat their home more affordably. Unfortunately funding reductions in federal weatherization and heating assistance programs appear likely, we urge the PUCO to approve Columbia's DSM programs to help minimize the costs of heating to our families.

Sincerely,


David E. Brightbill
Executive Director

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