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Hocking.Athens.Perry Community Action would like to express its support for the Demand Side Management programs proposed by Columbia Gas of Ohio in the above case numbers. Our agency has a long history in providing energy conservation services to low and moderate income families in southeastern Ohio and we have seen firsthand how such collaborative efforts with Columbia Gas can stretch federal funding and allow us to serve additional families.

In addition to conservation of energy and lower utility bills, these programs also:

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

Without Columbia's programs, many of our customers would go un-served. Potential funding reductions in federal weatherization and heating assistance programs will only magnify this problem. For these reasons, we urge the PUCO to approve Columbia's DSM programs so that customers can continue to enjoy the many benefits created through energy efficiency programs.

Sincerely,

Douglas Stanley
Executive Director

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