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A Jesuit College Preparatory School

April 16, 2012

VIA REGULAR MAIL

Todd A. Snitchler, Chairman
Public Utility Commission of Ohio
180 E. Broad St.
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Snitchler:

On behalf of St. Xavier High School, Cincinnati, Ohio, located within the Duke-OH utility service territory, I am writing to express strong concern over the alarming increase in electric delivery rates our school is experiencing. I urge you to seriously consider the impact these new rates will have on our school and the education services we provide to our students and community.

Over the past several years, our school has undertaken a variety of measures to reduce our electricity costs including the implementation of a number of energy savings projects. St. Xavier High School, along with a number of other schools and school districts, has taken advantage of the opening of the electricity market. By leveraging the deregulated market, we were able to see a significant reduction in the cost of our electricity. We were counting on these savings to help us maintain our student focused programming during the current economic downturn. Because of the utility's new rate structure and increases in both Delivery Riders as well as the newly named Generation Riders included as part of delivery, we no longer have that option.

In order to fully gauge the impact of the recent Duke rate changes, we asked our Energy Manager to compare our electricity costs based upon our actual energy usage for the period of January to December 2011, using both the prior tariff rates and the new rates. That analysis showed that using the previous tariff our delivery costs during the 12-month period were \$98,563.47; using the new rates, our 12-month delivery costs are projected to be \$177,931.07. That is an increase of 81% and a significantly negative impact to our operating budget.

Rate increases such as these are becoming evident with the new ESP, and will be devastating to school districts. These new rates will mean further cuts in staff and programs if nothing is done to alleviate the impact on schools.

Because of the egregious nature of the effects the new ESP is having on schools, we urge you to reconsider the original PUCO decision of approval. We ask that you consider a special rate for school districts that more fully recognizes their favorable usage patterns.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. We ask that you please have a copy of this letter filed in PUCO Case No. 11-3549-EL-SSO.

Sincerely,

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Electric Delivery Costs - 2011 vs 2012



Location	Acct #	Rate Code	Annual kWh	Avg Demand (kw)	Annual Load Factor (%)	2011 Avg Delivery Costs/kWh	2012 Avg Delivery Cost/kWh	2011 Total Delivery \$	2012 Total Delivery \$	\$ Increase	% Increase
Football Field	7500225001	DM02	177,600	180.7	11.22%	\$ 0.01890	\$ 0.04899	\$ 3,357.35	\$ 8,701.18	\$ 5,343.83	159%
Track Field	8500225001	DM02	49,750	26.4	21.52%	\$ 0.03656	\$ 0.08829	\$ 1,819.26	\$ 4,393.50	\$ 2,574.24	141%
St. Xavier High School	9500225001	DS01	3,584,813	1,173.1	34.88%	\$ 0.02605	\$ 0.04598	\$ 93,386.86	\$ 164,836.39	\$ 71,449.53	77%
			3,812,173					\$ 98,563.47	\$ 177,931.07	\$ 79,367.60	81%

2011 WA Delivery Cost/kWh \$ 0.0259
2012 WA Delivery Cost/kWh \$ 0.0467

Notes:

Annual kWh and Avg kw from 2011 used for both years
2012 Total Delivery \$ estimated using 1&2Q 2012 rates