

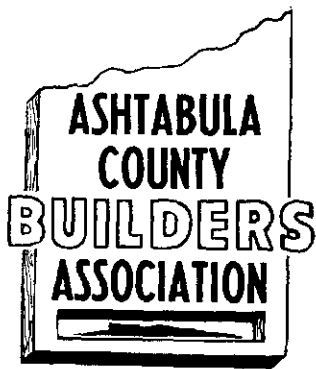
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October 11, 2012

Mr. Todd Snitchler, Chairman
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
80 E. Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: ASHTA reasonable arrangement (PUCO Docketing Case #12-1494-EL-AEC)

Dear Chairmen Snitchler:

I am speaking for the membership of the Ashtabula County Builders Association; we have become aware of a request made to the PUCO by ASHTA Chemicals for reasonable arrangements.

The Ashtabula County Builders Assoc. has many varied types of members in its roles and many of our members have direct involvement with ASHTA. But more importantly to our membership is the involvement that our members have with the employees of ASHTA Chemicals. ASHTA Chemicals employees over one hundred people with an annual payroll of more than \$8 million dollars. A portion of this money is spent each year improving the homes that they live in; also some of this money is spent with the other members of our organization that provide other valuable services. The employees and ASHTA itself pay a sizeable amount of tax dollars that help the local schools and municipalities, which makes the area a more appealing place to live which provides our members with more work. The trickle down effect of ASHTA remaining in or, for that matter leaving Ashtabula County and Ohio travels far beyond the employees of ASHTA and ASHTA itself, it would affect many more people in our area.

If you were not aware Ashtabula County has lost several other businesses over the years and each time one leaves the effect is felt by many. Please do what is in your power to help us retain ASHTA Chemical by providing them the affordable power that they need to do their work.

Thank you for your time and your consideration for ASHTA Chemicals.

Sincerely,

Joe Oros
President of the Ashtabula County Builders Association