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

Re: PUCO ESP
Case #12-1682-EL-AIR and 12-1685-GA-AIR

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Dear Chairman Snitchler:

On behalf of the **Butler County United Way**, I am pleased to support Duke Energy as a business leader in our community. Duke Energy has been a valued community partner for decades in the Greater Cincinnati region. In 2012, Duke Energy and its employees gave well over one million dollars to communities in support of social services through United Ways in Greater Cincinnati. In addition to the financial support provided by the Company and its employees, Duke's senior leaders volunteer their time to serve on local annual campaigns out of a commitment to create healthy, successful communities. One of Duke's Regional Managers chairs our annual fundraising campaign this year.

Our organization is one of many non-profits that have benefited tremendously by this support. Without partners such as Duke Energy, our ability to positively impact our community would be significantly decreased. Whether it is supporting social services, economic development or environmental causes, Duke helps to create and maintain vibrant communities.

Prior to my appointment as President/CEO of the **Butler County United Way**, I was pleased to serve as the Butler County Administrator, responsible for the day-to-day operations of County government here. In that capacity, too, I found Duke to be a contributor to the community, especially in the economic development arena. Over the past several years, they have developed and implemented a program called "Site Readiness" to help prepare manufacturing sites for reuse, to attract new companies to the region. It is this sort of vision and leadership that is critical to help create new jobs for our residents.

Finally, Duke employees volunteer countless hours to perform Global Service Events to spruce up schools, churches, agencies or just to help senior citizens stay in their own homes. This is a business that takes its success seriously and seeks to share it with the communities it serves. We all benefit from that kind of corporate citizenship that can serve as an example for other companies.

Sincerely,

Bruce E. Jewett
President/CEO

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