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January 22, 2013

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

Re: PUCO Case(s) 12-1682-EL-AIR & 12-1685-GA-AIR

Dear Mr. Snitchler:

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for Duke Energy. Cincinnati Museum Center and Duke Energy have partnered on a number of projects that benefit the general public.

Most recently, the Duke Energy Foundation has provided a substantial grant to support an initiative known as the Duke Energy E-Squares Project. Established in October 2011, this two-year partnership strengthens our ability to promote the "4-Es": Education, Environment, Energy Efficiency and Economic Development. Specifically, the funding supports exhibit signage and special programming to promote our visitors' exposure to and understanding of these key concepts.

Two years ago Duke Energy gifted the Duke Energy Holiday Trains exhibit to Cincinnati Museum Center. This beloved local holiday tradition began in 1946 through Duke Energy's partnership with the Baltimore & Ohio (B&O) Railroad. The portable model grew, as the railroad grew, through the 1940s, '50s and into the '60s. Now our mutual goal is to ensure the trains and beautiful historic displays will stay in the Greater Cincinnati area for all of Duke Energy's families, friends and customers to enjoy.

Cincinnati Museum Center considers Duke Energy a valued corporate partner. Their community support continually helps us to inspire people of all ages to learn more about the world through science; regional history; and educational, engaging and meaningful experiences. They clearly advance our mission.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at dmcDonald@cincymuseum.org or 513-287-7000.

Sincerely,

Douglass W. McDonald
President and CEO

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