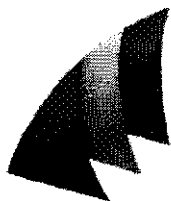


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Todd A. Snitchler, Chairman  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 E. Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

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Dear Mr. Snitchler,

One of the keys to growth in our local community has been the ongoing support from Duke Energy. With 36,000 people coming to work each day in companies such as Ford, General Mills, Cincinnati Sub Zero, Mammoth, and 1,300 other business partners, we have relied very heavily on Duke Energy.

Being a member of the Sharonville Business Advocacy Committee, meeting with our current business partners as well as prospective employers looking to relocate, and listening to all their needs has impressed upon me the constant need for comprehensive economic development. Thus Duke's commitment to our growth is key to helping us attract and grow more jobs for Ohio residents and stimulating the private sector to continue to invest in this area.

We all take for granted our gas and electric until for some reason we don't have it. I know our business members are impressed with the quick responses from Duke during these occasions. Their continued huge monetary investment in the future to provide consistent and economically reasonable rates is outstanding.

I can't say strongly enough how important the investment Duke Energy continues to make is to the economic development of our community. Duke has become the partner we heavily rely on and sometimes take for granted to make this area a better place to live and work.

Sincerely,

Rich Arnold  
President

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