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DUKE ENERGY OHIO, INC.

Case: 12-1682-EL-AIR, et. al.

Todd A. Snitchler
Chairman
The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215-3707

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Dear Chairman Snitcher,

The PUCO staff should be commended for their summary of the investigation of Duke Energy Ohio request to increase rates for electric distribution service.

On pages 21 and 22 of this summary, the Staff recommends that you reject Duke Energy Ohio's request for Facilities Relocation - Mass Transportation Ride (Rider FRT). The Staff of PUCO provides five reasons for not supporting the request. I would urge the Commission to also reject the request for the Rider-RFT for these reasons.

I would hope the Commission would also keep the distribution rate increase as low as possible in light of current economics conditions. Many of Duke Energy Ohio's customers are unemployed or under employed and any increases will be difficult for them to pay.

Sincerely yours,

Ronald Aylward

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