



**Lucas County Economic Development Corporation**  
*Innovative Partnerships for Development*

September 11, 2013

Mr. Todd Snitchler  
Chairman  
**The Ohio Power Siting Board**  
**Public Utilities Commission of Ohio**  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

**Re: Letter of Support for OPSB Case No. 07-0703-EL-BGN**  
**Motion for 12 Month Extension of the FDS Co-Generation Facility's Certificate of**  
**Environmental Compatibility and Public Need**

Chairman Snitchler:

On behalf of the Lucas County Economic Development Council ("LCEDC"), I am writing to express our full support for the FDS Coke Plant, LLC's ("FDS's") Motion to the Ohio Power Siting Board (the "Board") for a twelve (12) month extension of the Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need ("certificate") issued for the FDS Co-Generation Facility Project (Case No. 07-0703-EL-BGN). We believe that granting this motion is reasonable, justified, and needed based on the facts and information submitted to the Board by FDS.

LCEDC is a private non-profit organization dedicated to developing the economic potential of the Toledo Region by providing the best resources, planning, and expertise to industry and government. LCEDC works in close alliance with the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, Regional Growth Partnership, Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce, University of Toledo, Owens Community College, Lucas County Board of County Commissioners, and the City of Toledo among other municipal entities in our region.

Over the past year the Northwest Ohio economy has shown signs of improvement. However, our region continues to need state-of-the-art projects such as the proposed FDS Co-Generation Facility and associated non-recovery coking plant to create good paying manufacturing jobs and provide capital investment to support our local economy. The estimated \$800 million in capital to be invested this project will result in thousands of temporary construction jobs and more than 100 new permanent full-time jobs with both FDS and local suppliers and contractors.

LCEDC also understands that the FDS Co-Generation Facility's 135 MegaWatt design is expected to produce at least 1 million megawatt hours per year (MWhrs/yr) of electricity from industrial waste heat. This fuel source is classified as a "renewable energy resource," highly efficient, and results in no additional air emission pollutants.

The electricity from the FDS Co-Generation Facility will also provide needed base-load capacity for the Northwest Ohio region in the near term and important additional electricity for all of Ohio in the long term. As you know, First Energy ("FE") has announced the retirement of the large number of coal-fired power plants in Ohio including Units 2-4 located at the Bay Shore Power

Plant in Oregon, Ohio. These FE units at the Bay Shore Power Plant represent the loss of 500 MW of electricity generation capacity.

In closing, LCEDC greatly appreciates the Board's timely review of the FDS motion for a twelve (12) month time extension of the FDS Co-Generation Facility's certificate. We also request the Board, to the extent allowable by law, work to expedite approval of the FDS motion to ensure that this important economic project for Northwest Ohio continues forward on the path to construction and operation.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact my office at (419) 213-4646 or via email at [fweber@lcedc.net](mailto:fweber@lcedc.net).

Respectfully yours,



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