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March 11, 2014

Barcy F. McNeal, Secretary

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: In the Matter of the Application of Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., for an Increase in its Natural Gas Distribution Rates, Case Nos. 12-1685-GA-AIR, et al.

Dear Ms. McNeal:

Without waiving or conceding any arguments with respect to the notice provision in R.C. 4903.16, Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy ("OPAE") hereby notifies the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") of its intent to request that the Supreme Court of Ohio stay the PUCO's November 13, 2013, Opinion and Order, January 8, 2014 Entry on Rehearing, and February 19, 2014 Entry that authorize Duke Energy Ohio, Inc., to collect \$55 million from customers for environmental investigation and mediation costs associated with the cleanup of two former Duke manufactured gas plant sites.

OPAE intends to request, on or after March 14, 2014, that the Supreme Court of Ohio stay those PUCO Entries and Order pending the outcome of OPAE's appeal. Please consider this letter to be the notice required by R.C. 4903.16.

Sincerely,

<u>/s/Colleen L. Mooney</u>
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Summary: Letter of Notification electronically filed by Colleen L Mooney on behalf of Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy