



# COUNTY OF SUMMIT, OHIO

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The Honorable John Kasich  
Governor of Ohio  
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Dear Governor Kasich:

On behalf of The County of Summit, I am writing to support FirstEnergy's proposed Electric Security Plan (ESP), entitled *Powering Ohio's Progress*.

FirstEnergy is a committed partner that has actively supported economic development efforts in Summit County for decades. FirstEnergy has done an outstanding job serving our region's electric needs. The businesses and residents of Summit County rely on FirstEnergy to make decisions that keep electric rates affordable.

FirstEnergy's affordability mission has become more daunting than ever. Strict environmental regulations and a challenging marketplace will result in an unprecedented number of power plant shutdowns in Ohio over the next couple years. Unfortunately, the closing of these plants often results in the loss of family-sustaining Ohio jobs and places the reliability and affordability of our electric service at great risk. Ohio cannot afford this right now as our economy is finally showing signs of improvement.

I encourage you to support FirstEnergy's proposed ESP because it preserves many key aspects of its current rate plan that have helped deliver affordable electric rates to Ohio businesses and residents. Additionally, the proposed ESP also directly addresses the threats to our State's energy independence by keeping Ohio-based baseload power plants running to reliably meet the future electric needs of Ohioans. The proposed ESP will also help safeguard customers against future price spikes, with a projected \$2 billion in customer savings over the 15-year period.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue. In the meantime, I would appreciate your staff docketing this letter as part of the record in proceeding 14-1297-EL-SSO.

Sincerely,

Russell M. Pry  
Summit County Executive

cc: PUCO Chairman Thomas W. Johnson



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