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October 3, 2014

The Honorable John Kasich
Governor of Ohio
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Dear Governor Kasich:

On behalf of GPD Group and our 450 hard-working Ohio employees, I want to keep affordable and reliable electricity available to support our economy in the years ahead.

FirstEnergy has been a valuable customer of my company and I believe they have done an excellent job keeping electric prices affordable for businesses and consumers. However, FirstEnergy and others have been challenged in recent years by regulatory issues and market pressures that have led to the closing of many of Ohio's largest power plants, and more retirements are expected. I'm concerned that these factors could drive up electricity prices and affect the reliability of our service at a time when we're still recovering from a difficult economy.

We can't afford to wait on the sidelines for the market to react or the federal government to intervene. The time is now for Ohio to take action and secure our energy future.

That's why I'm urging your support of FirstEnergy's proposed Electric Security Plan, *Powering Ohio's Progress*, which will help keep future price increases in check while enabling Ohio to preserve its vital energy resources. FirstEnergy's plan also provides economic development funding to help Ohio create more jobs and attract new business growth.

We truly appreciate FirstEnergy's commitment to serving Ohio's energy needs, and we hope you will support this solid plan for our state's energy future. In the meantime, we would appreciate it if your staff could docket this letter as part of the record in this proceeding (14-1297-EL-SSO).

Best regards,

Darrin Kotecki

Darrin Kotecki, PE
President
GPD Group

cc: PUCO Chairman Thomas W. Johnson



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October 3, 2014

Mr. Thomas W. Johnson
PUCO Chairman
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Mr. Johnson:

As the vice president of City Machine Technologies, Inc. in Youngstown, I hope you will support First Energy's proposed electric security plan, Powering Ohio's Progress. First Energy's plan will keep future electric prices in check while enabling Ohio to preserve its vital energy resources.

Electricity prices are important in our business. CMT, which employs 74 and has three locations, currently spends \$20,000 a month on utilities and this plan will help secure our energy future because we need affordable and reliable electricity to support our business and the community.

Businesses in Ohio and around the country continue to struggle. First Energy and the coal industry have been plagued by regulatory issues that have led to the closing of Ohio power plants. We are concerned that these regulatory issues could drive up electricity prices for both commercial and residential consumers and hurt our economy. When companies close in Ohio, it affects all communities and hurts our chances for Ohio to create more jobs and attract new business growth.

First Energy's Powering Ohio's Progress will help us grow and prosper in Ohio. I am asking you to consider supporting First Energy's electric security plan because we need First Energy to serve Ohio's energy needs for years to come.

Sincerely,

Claudia Kovach

cc: John Kasich, Governor of Ohio

The Honorable John Kasich
Governor of Ohio
Riffe Center, 30th Floor
77 South High Street
Columbus, OH 43215-6117

Dear Governor Kasich:

On behalf of Knox Township, we're urging your support of FirstEnergy's proposed Electric Security Plan, *Powering Ohio's Progress*.

FirstEnergy's plan will help ensure the continued operation of a major employer in the Ohio Valley, the W.H. Sammis Plant, a 2,200-megawatt baseload power generating facility in Stratton, Ohio. It will also protect customers from long-term retail price hikes.

As of today, the long-term viability of this plant – along with the substantial economic benefits it delivers to our community and others – may be at risk. You may be aware that power generators like FirstEnergy have been challenged in recent years by regulatory issues and market pressures that have led to the closing of many of Ohio's largest power plants, and more plant retirements are expected.

The Sammis plant plays a significant role in sustaining our local economy. The plant directly employs more than 400 people with an annual payroll of \$34 million. Many of these employees live in our township. FirstEnergy is also the largest taxpayer in Jefferson County, with the plant expected to generate about \$5.5 million in annual property tax revenues to local jurisdictions in 2014. The Sammis plant also supports the local economy with millions of dollars each year in vendor purchases, employee spending and property ownership.

We truly appreciate FirstEnergy's continued investment in our community, and hope you will support this plan to help Ohio become more energy independent. In the meantime, we would appreciate it if your staff could docket this letter as part of the record in this proceeding (14-1297-EL-SSO).

<u>Donald Elder</u>	<u>10-4-2014</u>	<u>John D. Duke</u>	<u>10-4-2014</u>
Trustee	Date	Trustee	Date
<u>Wayne Elward</u>	<u>10-4-2014</u>	<u>Thomas C. Catlett</u>	<u>10-04-14</u>
Trustee	Date	Fiscal Officer	Date

RESOLUTION # 2014-13
RESOLUTION FROM Knox Township, Jefferson County, Ohio

Knox Township supports FirstEnergy's proposed Electric Security Plan, *Powering Ohio's Progress* and

WHEREAS, FirstEnergy's Ohio utilities' proposed Electric Security Plan, *Powering Ohio's Progress*, will help keep electricity affordable and reliable in Knox Township and

WHEREAS, key provisions of *Powering Ohio's Progress* help safeguard Knox Township residents from electricity price volatility and increases in the future and

WHEREAS, *Powering Ohio's Progress* provides strong support to economic development efforts that can help Knox Township create jobs and attract new business growth and

WHEREAS, *Powering Ohio's Progress* supports the state's economic future by helping ensure that vital baseload power plants in Ohio remain available to serve electric customers in Knox Township and

WHEREAS, *Powering Ohio's Progress* retains local jobs, protects local tax revenues and helps support manufacturing and other industries in Knox Township and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, the TRUSTEES of Knox Township are pleased to endorse FirstEnergy Ohio utilities' proposed Electric Security Plan, *Powering Ohio's Progress*, which will help support the Knox Township economy and quality of life in the years ahead.

Donald E. Elder
Trustee

10-4-2014
Date

Wayne R. ...
Trustee

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John D. ...
Trustee

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10-04-14
Date

October 1, 2014

The Honorable John Kasich
Governor of Ohio
Riffe Center, 30th Floor
77 South High Street
Columbus, OH 43215-6117

Dear Governor Kasich:

On behalf of Columbiana County, I'm urging your support of FirstEnergy's proposed Electric Security Plan, *Powering Ohio's Progress*.

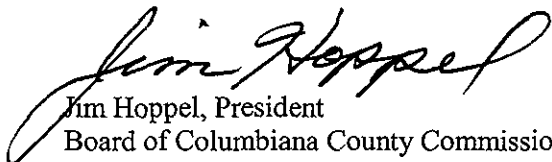
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Best regards,



Jim Hoppel, President
Board of Columbiana County Commissioners

cc: PUCO Chairman Thomas W. Johnson

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9/26/14

The Honorable John Kasich
Governor of Ohio
Riffe Center, 30th Floor
77 South High Street
Columbus, OH 43215-6117

Dear Governor Kasich:

On behalf of Laborers' Local 809, I'm urging your support of FirstEnergy's proposed Electric Security Plan, Powering Ohio's Progress.

FirstEnergy's plan will help ensure the continued operation of a major employer in the Ohio Valley, the W.H. Sammis Plant, a 2,200-megawatt baseload power generating facility in Stratton, Ohio. It will also protect customers from electric price increases.

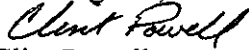
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Best Regards,



Clint Powell

Business Manager

CC: PUCO Chairman Thomas W. Johnson

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September 30, 2014

The Honorable John Kasich
Governor of Ohio
Riffe Center, 30th Floor
77 South High Street
Columbus, OH 43215-6117

Dear Governor Kasich:

On behalf of Rosebud Mining Company and our 129 hard-working Ohio employees, I want to keep affordable and reliable electricity available to support our economy in the years ahead.

FirstEnergy has been a valuable customer of my company and I believe they have done an excellent job keeping electric prices affordable for businesses and consumers. However, FirstEnergy and others have been challenged in recent years by regulatory issues and market pressures that have led to the closing of many of Ohio's largest power plants, and more retirements are expected. I'm concerned that these factors could drive up electricity prices and affect the reliability of our service at a time when we're still recovering from a difficult economy.

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Best regards,



L. Clifford Forrest, President
Rosebud Mining Company

cc: Chairman Thomas W. Johnson



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The Honorable John Kasich
Governor of Ohio
Riffe Center, 30th Floor
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Dear Governor Kasich:

On behalf of Urban Mission Ministries, Inc. of Steubenville, OH, I'm urging your support of FirstEnergy's proposed Electric Security Plan, *Powering Ohio's Progress*.

As you are aware, FirstEnergy's plan will help ensure the continued operation of a major employer in the Ohio Valley, the W.H. Sammis Plant, a 2,200-megawatt baseload power generating facility in Stratton, Ohio. It will also protect customers from electric price increases.

It has come to my attention that if this plan is not adopted, the long-term viability of this plant – along with the substantial economic benefits it delivers to our community and others – may be at risk.

The Sammis plant plays a significant role in sustaining our local economy.

- The plant directly employs more than 400 people with an annual payroll of \$34 million. Many of these employees live in our community. They shop in our community and donate in our community as well.
- FirstEnergy is also the largest taxpayer in Jefferson County, with the plant expected to generate about \$5.5 million in annual property tax revenues to local jurisdictions in 2014.
- The Sammis plant also supports the Urban Mission, the organization I represent. As the largest food assistance program in the Ohio Valley (feeding over 5,000 people each month), the Urban Mission benefits significantly from the thousands of dollars raised and donated to the Urban Mission from the Sammis Plant to care for our community's most vulnerable.

I appreciate FirstEnergy's continued investment in our community, and hope you will support this plan to help Ohio become more energy independent. In the meantime, we would appreciate it if your staff could docket this letter as part of the record in this proceeding (PUCO Case No. 14-1297-EL-SSO).

Best regards,

Rev. Ashley Steele
Executive Director, Urban Mission Ministries, Inc.

cc: PUCO Chairman Thomas W. Johnson

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Thank You!