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

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Dear Governor Kasich:

For Ohio CAT and our 1,084 employees, I am asking you to support FirstEnergy's proposed Electric Security Plan, *Powering Ohio's Progress*. As you know, 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, with more retirements expected. We are concerned that these factors could drive up electricity prices and affect the reliability of our service, as well as further degrade Ohio's coal industry and the lives of the 33,000 direct and indirect employees (including some of my employees) dependent on coal for their jobs.

FirstEnergy is a valuable customer and supplier for our company, and we believe they have done a good job keeping electricity prices affordable for businesses and consumers. Their proposed Electric Security Plan will help keep future price increases in check while enabling Ohio both to capitalize on its vital energy resources and to increase the state's competitiveness. Moreover, the plan also provides economic development funding to help Ohio create more jobs and attract new business.

That's why I'm urging you to 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).

Sincerely,



Ken Taylor  
President

cc: PUCO Chairman Thomas W. Johnson ✓