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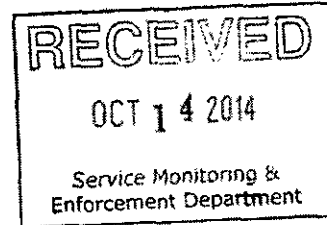
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October 7, 2014

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



Dear Governor Kasich:

As you may know, many of Ohio's largest power plants have closed in recent years due to market challenges and tougher regulations, and more plant retirements are expected. This means more Ohio jobs lost, and rising electricity prices in the years ahead.

That's why I'm urging your support of FirstEnergy's proposed Electric Security Plan, *Powering Ohio's Progress*. FirstEnergy's plan will keep electricity affordable and help ensure the continued operation of Ohio power plants, including the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Plant located in my County.

As of today, the long-term viability of this plant – along with the jobs and substantial economic benefits it brings to our communities – may be at risk.

Davis-Besse has a profound impact on our local economy, with an annual economic impact of more than \$400 million in Ottawa County alone. The plant provides 700 family-sustaining jobs with an annual payroll of \$65 million, and annually contributes about \$22 million in local tax revenues that support local schools, police and fire departments. The plant also creates thousands of additional jobs involved in ongoing maintenance and refueling projects. Last but not least, the plant provides a carbon-free, long-term source of power for our region and our state.

I hope you will support this plan to keep energy affordable and protect Ohio jobs. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "L. Hartlaub", written over a horizontal line.

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cc: PUCO Chairman Thomas W. Johnson

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