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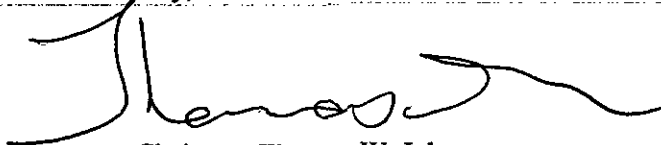
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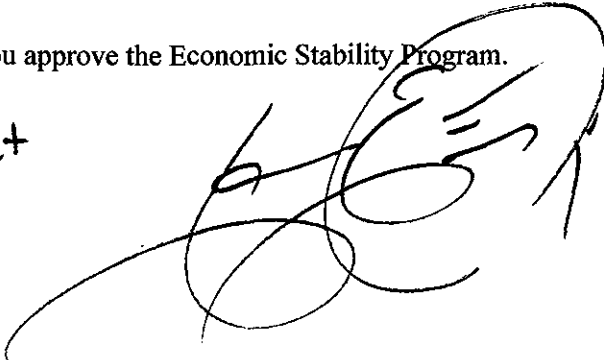
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Larry Wright

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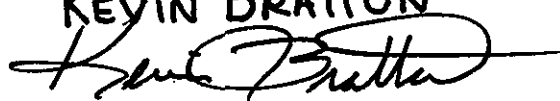
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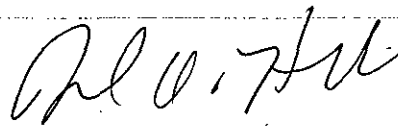
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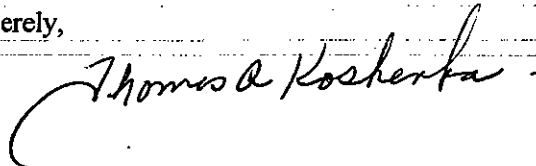
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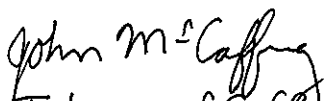
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The employment implications are substantial – at the plants as well as regionally and statewide. The Economic Stability Program is estimated to preserve \$1 billion annually in statewide economic benefits, nearly 3,000 direct and indirect jobs, and more than \$52 million in annual state and local property and income taxes. The program also is projected to benefit Ohio's economy by saving FirstEnergy customers \$2 billion over the 15-year period.

FirstEnergy has been an active partner and supporter of economic development efforts in the Ohio Valley for many years. It has provided not only funding support for these efforts, but also personnel in the field to assist with job-creating projects and initiatives.

For these and other reasons, I ask that you approve the Economic Stability Program.

Sincerely,

  
John McCaffrey.

cc: Chairman Thomas W. Johnson  
Commissioner Steven D. Lesser  
Commissioner Asim Z. Haque  
Commissioner Lynn Slaby  
Commissioner M. Beth Trombold

## INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES COMPANY

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October 8, 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 Industrial Supplies Company, Louis Berkman Company, and our 17 hard working 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,  
  
Stan Myers  
General Manager

Cc: PUCO Chairman Thomas W. Johnson  
Public Utilities Comm. Of Oh.  
180 E. Broad St.  
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

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October 1, 2014

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

Dear Governor Kasich:

On behalf of Stratton, Ohio, I'm urging your support of First Energy's proposed Electric Security Plan, *Powering Ohio's Progress*.

First Energy'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 First Energy 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 community. First Energy 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 First Energy'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).

Best regards,



John Abdalla  
Mayor of Stratton

Cc: PUCO Chairman Thomas W. Johnson

*International Brotherhood of*  
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*Local 154*  
**BLACKSMITHS • FORGERS & HELPERS**

1221 BANKSVILLE ROAD  
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA 15216

September 26, 2014

Dear Governor Kasich,

On behalf of Boilermakers Local 154, I'm urging your support of FirstEnergy's proposed Electric Security Plan, *Powering Ohio's Progress*.

FirstEnergy plans to continue the operation of a the W.H. Sammis Plant, a 2,200-megawatt baseload power generating facility in Stratton, Ohio, a major employer in the Ohio Valley. *Powering Ohio's Progress* is FirstEnergy's proposed plan to support reliable and affordable electricity, crucial to Ohio's economy and quality of life.

Recent extreme weather events have exposed vulnerabilities on Ohio's electrical grid. These problems will likely become more severe as baseload power plants across the region prematurely shut down, putting our energy future even more at risk. *Powering Ohio's Progress* seeks support to benefit customers significantly and cultivate savings opportunities in Ohio for years to come. *Powering Ohio's Progress* includes a 15-year Economic Stability Program that will support the state's economic future. This will help ensure that critical baseload power plants remain available to serve electric customers. Today, the long-term viability of the W.H. Sammis Plant along with the economic benefits it provides our community and others may be at risk.

Key provisions of *Powering Ohio's Progress* include:

- Freezing base distribution rates through May 31, 2019. This proposed plan foresees an approximate customer savings value of \$2 billion over 15 years, involving power plants that have served Ohio customers for decades.
- \$1 billion dollars is estimated to be preserved in annual statewide economic benefits, along with approximately 3,000 jobs created, both directly and indirectly, by the Davis-Besse, W.H. Sammis and Ohio Valley Electric Corporation power plant operations in Ohio.
- The continuance of competitive bid processing and competitive retail electric supplier options.
- Economic funding and energy efficiency assistance in Ohio communities, providing up to \$6 million per year including low-income customers over a three-year term.
- Support of continued investments in distribution system reliability.

The Sammis plant plays a significant role in providing electric to our local economy. With an annual payroll of \$34 million, the plant employs more than 400 people directly, many of whom live in our community. As the largest taxpayer in Jefferson County, FirstEnergy expects the plant to generate \$5.5 million annually in property tax revenues in 2014. The Sammis plant also supports the local economy, spending millions of dollars each year in vendor purchases, employee spending and property ownership.

*Powering Ohio's Progress* reflects the diverse interests of the customers and communities that keep Ohio strong. This plan will also help provide a valuable safety net against market volatility while enhancing service reliability. We hope that you will support this plan, promoting Ohio's economic growth and development and protecting jobs in the state.

Best regards,

Raymond C. Ventrone  
Business Manager  
Boilermakers Local Lodge #154



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**Of the Oh-Ky ADC of BAC** - Phone: 330-382-9600 - Fax: 330-382-9601  
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DATE: October 01, 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 Southern Columbiana and Jefferson County working families and communities, 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 base load power generating facility in Stratton, Ohio. It will also protect customers from electric price increases.

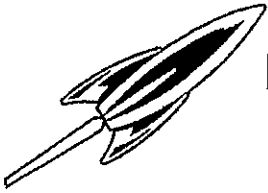
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We truly appreciate FirstEnergy's continued investment in our community, and hope you will support this plan to help Ohio become more energy independent. In the meantime, we would appreciate it if your staff could docket this letter as part of the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

Best regards,

Donald C. Mays  
Representative, Safety Representative  
Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local 10 OH.



## Benton-Carroll-Salem Local School District

*A community is judged by the schools it keeps.*

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October 14, 2014

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

Dear Governor Kasich:

As you 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, rising electricity prices in the years ahead, and negative impacts on communities.

Therefore, I am 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 within the Benton-Carroll-Salem School District. First Energy's continued operation of the Davis-Besse plant yields great benefits to our school system from tax dollars to professional development the company sponsors for our teachers.

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. In fact, the plant's recent steam generator replacement and refueling project will more than double the plant's economic impact this year compared to a typical year. 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,

Guy L. Parmigian  
Superintendent

cc: Board of Education of the Benton-Carroll-Salem Local School District  
PUCO Chairman Thomas W. Johnson  
First Energy Corporation

Guy L. Parmigian, Ph.D.  
Superintendent

Timothy R. Coffman  
Treasurer

DATE 10-7-2014

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

Dear Governor Kasich:

Ohio's power plants create thousands of union jobs and produce major infrastructure projects that put our members to work.

We are greatly concerned that numerous power plants in Ohio have permanently shut down in recent years, and many more are expected to close in the years ahead. Further decline in Ohio's electric power industry could cost thousands of union jobs and discourage industrial development opportunities across the state.

This is an outcome Ohio cannot afford. Already, a struggling economy and other factors have led to reductions in operations and capital improvement expenditures at numerous power production and manufacturing facilities across Ohio. Industrial construction hours for certain segments of the industry are down 53 percent from 2008, very much to the detriment of our members and Ohio's economy.

Consistent with our interest in creating construction job opportunities, we're urging your support of FirstEnergy's proposed Electric Security Plan, *Powering Ohio's Progress*. FirstEnergy's plan strikes the right balance between keeping electricity affordable for customers while helping to ensure the continued operation of Ohio power plants, including the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Plant in Oak Harbor, the W.H. Sammis Plant in Stratton, and the OVEC plant in Gallipolis, Ohio. These plants provide a huge economic benefit to the state of Ohio. Together, the ongoing operations of these plants create an economic impact in the state of more than \$1 billion annually, and directly and indirectly support an estimated 3,000 jobs.

Unless we take action, the long-term viability of these plants – along with the jobs and substantial economic opportunities they bring to our members – may be at risk. We respectfully request that you support this plan to keep energy affordable and protect Ohio jobs. Thank you for your consideration, and please contact me if I can be of any assistance. 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,

cc: PUCO Chairman Thomas W. Johnson

Executive committee Utility Workers Local 457

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Cory Freeman

Paul Wright Jr

Richard Morris

K. O'Leary

September 30, 2014

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

Dear Governor Kasich:

On behalf of E. J. Rawson Trucking Co. and our eighteen hard-working Ohio employees, I want to keep affordable and reliable electricity available to support our economy in the years ahead. My business is 80% based on the FirstEnergy Sammis Plant in Stratton, Ohio.

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.

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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,

Elmer J. Rawson t  
President



cc: PUCO Chairman Thomas W. Johnson



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:

On behalf of QualTech NP and our 80 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Clark". The signature is fluid and cursive.

John D. Clark  
Engineered Products Business Segment Director

cc: PUCO Chairman Thomas W. Johnson

# **CURTISS - WRIGHT**

October 9, 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 the Nova Machine Products Business Unit of the Curtiss-Wright Corporation and our 90 hard-working Ohio employees, I want to keep affordable and reliable electricity available to support our economy in the years ahead.

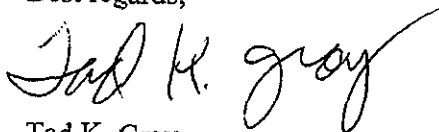
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Best regards,



Tad K. Gray  
General Manager

cc: PUCO Chairman William H. Johnson



500 Hall Street  
Bridgeport, Ohio 43912

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October 17, 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 ERB Electric Company and Bridgeport Equipment and Tool and our 325 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,

Tom Knight  
President and Owner

cc: PUCO Chairman Thomas W. Johnson



Electrical Supplies. Powerful Service.

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October, 2nd, 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 Gexpro, division of Rexel, and our 200 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 affect the reliability of our electrical system. We have seen firsthand how regulation has negatively impacted plants like Sammis.

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.

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Best regards,

Lee Teare  
District Manager - Ohio

cc: PUCO Chairman William H. Johnson

October 13, 2014

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

Dear Governor Kasich:

I would like to take this opportunity to urge your support of FirstEnergy's proposed Electric Security Plan, *Powering Ohio's Progress*.

There are many reasons that I support FirstEnergy's plan. Primarily, it is a public safety issue. This plan will allow First Energy to continue to provide our area and the region with reliable base load electricity.

The events of last winter's polar vortex, and the demands it placed on our electrical grid should demonstrate the value of the Sammis and Davis-Besse Plants. As more power plants are removed from the grid for economic and regulatory reasons the continued operation of these two plants becomes even more critical for the safety of the public.

As you are likely well aware of, the aforementioned polar vortex nearly caused our region to deal with rolling brown outs. In fact, I was requested to prepare for rolling brownouts as it appeared the grid manager would be utilizing them because the grid was overstressed! As an emergency manager, dealing with rolling brownouts at any time of the year is very challenging, but dealing with them during such severe winter conditions would be even worse. The fact of the matter is that rolling brownouts, and worse yet, extended blackouts, would pose a significant threat to the safety and well-being of the public.

There are a number of additional reasons to support FirstEnergy's plan. Those include jobs, economic benefits, and environmental reasons. All of these are important, but the safety of the public should be of the utmost concern!

I hope you will support this plan to ensure reliable power to the electrical grid in Ohio. In the meantime, I 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).

Respectfully,

Fred Petersen  
Director – Ottawa County Emergency Management Agency

cc: PUCO Chairman Thomas W. Johnson

September 24, 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 Jefferson County Educational Service Center, 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.

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 community. 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 (PUCO Case No. 14-1297-EL-SSO).

Best regards,

Dr. George Ash, Superintendent  
Jefferson County Educational Service Center

cc: PUCO Chairman Thomas W. Johnson  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 E. Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

24 September 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 the Village of Amsterdam, 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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I am currently serving my second term as Mayor of Amsterdam but I am also a retired Coal Miner having worked 41 years in the coal industry. As you may gather from this information my concern is not only for this area but also for me and my family.

I was able to finish my career working for The Ohio Valley Coal Company In Alledonia Ohio. If not for the efforts of Robert Murray (CEO and Founder) keeping these mines working I probably would be un-employed rather than retired. I know that you will act in the best interest of Ohio and America. We need these jobs and affordable energy provided by coal.

Best regards,

Gary Pepperling, Mayor Village of Amsterdam

cc: PUCO Chairman Thomas W. Johnson

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
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Wednesday, October 15, 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 Control Systems Company and our 18 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michele Titmas', is written over a horizontal line.

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