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October 23, 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 EnviroServe and our 80 hard-working Ohio employees, and the hundreds of other Ohio vendors, I want to keep OUR electric utilities strong. This means affordable and reliable electricity available to support our Ohio economy in the decades to come.

FirstEnergy has been a valuable customer for years. I believe they have done an excellent job controlling costs in an effort to keep 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 these regulatory and market factors could drive up electricity prices and affect the reliability of our electric service.

Our economy is recovering and according to some, it has recovered. But, I believe we should not jeopardize our recovery. 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,  
EnviroServe

**George Karas,  
Vice President**

cc: PUCO Chairman William H. Johnson

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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 Mingo Junction Village in Jefferson County, I'm urging your support of FirstEnergy's proposed Electric Security Plan, *Powering Ohio's Progress*.

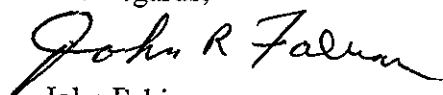
FirstEnergy's plan will help ensure the continued operation of a major employer in the Ohio Valley, the W.H. Sammis Plant, a 2,200-megawatt baseload power generating facility in Stratton, Ohio. It will also protect customers from electric price increases.

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,



John Fabian  
Mayor

cc: PUCO Chairman Thomas W. Johnson

November 4, 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 Molecular Repair Systems, Inc. and our hard-working Ohio employees, I want to keep affordable and reliable electricity available to support our economy in the years ahead.

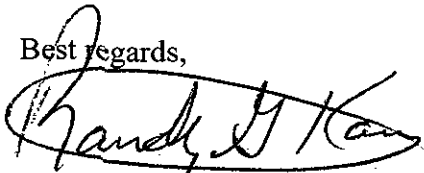
FirstEnergy has been a valuable customer of my company and I believe they have done an excellent job keeping electric prices affordable for businesses and consumers. However, FirstEnergy and others have been challenged in recent years by regulatory issues and market pressures that have led to the closing 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,



Randy G. Kanz  
President

cc: PUCO Chairman Thomas W. Johnson



# JEFFERSON COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY

November 5, 2014

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

Dear Governor Kasich:

On behalf of the Jefferson County Port Authority, I strongly urge your support of FirstEnergy's proposed Electric Security Plan, Powering Ohio's Progress. FirstEnergy leaders have done an excellent job of explaining the proposal to local officials. The plan is focused not only on ensuring rate stability and power reliability for their customers, but also preserving the 2200-megawatt base load Sammis plant's (Stratton) fundamental role in the economy of the Ohio Valley. Our county continues to struggle with unemployment and underemployment, and we cannot afford to lose our largest industrial employer, which offers over 400 direct jobs (annual payroll of \$34 million) and hundreds of additional subcontracting positions to local citizens. The plant is also the largest taxpayer in the county, with more than \$5.5 million in annual real estate tax payments.

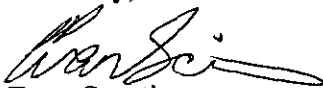
Critics will call this plan a bailout of coal generating plants. I hold a very different view, and I hope you will communicate it to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). Powering Ohio's Progress is a balanced response to the new deregulated market and federal regulatory environment that governs Ohio's generating facilities. I have learned that the Sammis plant needs this assistance in order to ensure long-term profitability, rate stability, and the plant's overall continued operation. However, I have also learned that the plan is far from a bailout of an obsolete coal facility. To the contrary, FirstEnergy should be recognized for making the necessary recent management decisions of closing 6 coal-based plants that were not meeting modern pollution standards. They also invested over \$1.8 Billion in the 2010 Sammis plant scrubber system, making this an excellent example of how coal facilities can remain Clean Air Act compliant. PUCO's support will ensure that FirstEnergy can continue to implement its long-term plan for affordable, reliable, and safe electricity in Ohio and beyond.

I would like to close by discussing the current economic climate of the Ohio Valley. You are well aware of the State's current success in job creation, as your JobsOhio team has done an excellent job of facilitating economic growth statewide. The Ohio Valley continues to lag behind more prosperous areas, as we strive to reinvent ourselves after the demise of the steel industry. However,

there appear to be great opportunities for us on the horizon. I am sure my colleagues in adjacent counties will attest to the fact that the number of new business investment leads flowing into our offices is staggering. Many of these prospects are suppliers to the growing fracking industry. Additionally, as cracker plants are proposed in Western PA and Southeastern OH, we are truly poised for an economic renaissance over the next 10-20 years. Reliable research is telling us that the plastics, chemicals, and metal-based industries will view the Ohio Valley as the 21st century strategic location due to availability of local oil and gas supplies. In my various meetings with the FirstEnergy officials, I learned that there is much more at stake than the Sammis' plant future in this PUCO decision. Perhaps even more important from the State's public policy perspective is the availability of robust and reliable power throughout the Ohio Valley's electricity system. Without the Sammis plant's existence, coupled with future extreme weather events, I am afraid future industrial businesses will not have the necessary power to operate here, and they will not have the luxury of waiting for transmission system upgrades. I would ask that you please communicate this issue in addition to the overall fairness of the proposal. Now is not the time to turn our backs on the amazing potential of the Ohio Valley. A decision to support a power purchase agreement at compliant, forward-looking plants like Sammis is critical to help us realize that potential.

Please contact me at any time to discuss this important issue. I would also appreciate your staff's assistance in docketing this letter as part of the record in this proceeding (PUCO Case No. 14-1297-EL-SSO). Thank you for your time and service to this great State.

Sincerely,



Evan Scurti  
Executive Director

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