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RE: Case No. 14-1297-EL-SSO - Electric Security Plan of Ohio Edison Company, the Cleveland Electric and Illuminating Company, and the Toledo Edison Company

Dear Chairman Johnson:

I am a life-long resident of Northwest Ohio and have been an employee at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station for nearly 30 years. As such, I have personally experienced the many changes and challenges faced by both the utility industry and electric consumer as a result of the transition to a competitive market, and the more recent financial instability and decrease in product demand resulting from our depressed economy.

Of issue is the need to sustain the reliable and affordable availability of electricity. We have seen the closing of a series of base-load generation stations, first with coal plants resulting from obsolescence and the demands instituted by more aggressive air quality requirements, and more recently, nuclear facilities, which in some cases have become no longer viable as market value of generation decreases. These closures not only impact the affected utilities, but more importantly, the economic stability of the communities supported by them. This economic impact comes not only in the form of a loss in availability of reliable electric supply, but also in surrender of thousands of well-paying, highly skilled jobs.

This is why I write this letter asking for your consideration for the Economic Stability Program. The program is estimated to preserve approximately $1 billion annually in statewide economic benefits, sustaining nearly 3000 jobs, and more than $52 million in annual and state and local property and income taxes. This will help keep both the Davis-Besse power station, and the Sammis Plant, in Stratton, Ohio, serving as strong, Ohio-based sources of electricity and employment throughout the 15-year duration of the program and beyond. The Program will also better assure energy cost stability and affordable service for the tens of thousands of First Energy customers.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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