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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,

Deporch K Mullen

cc: PUCO Chairman Thomas W. Johnson

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

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

Dear Chairman Johnson:

I support the FirstEnergy utilities' Economic Stability Program proposed in PUCO Case No. 14-1297-EL-SSO.

As an employee of FirstEnergy, I believe the Economic Stability Program is essential to ensuring reliable, affordable service for FirstEnergy utilities' customers, as well as greater certainty for our power plants and the highly skilled Ohioans they employ.

The program will help ensure economic growth and prosperity in our region by supporting Ohio jobs and fuel-diverse baseload power plants operating in Ohio. This economic development and job retention program will help keep the W. H. Sammis Plant in Stratton, Ohio, and the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station in Oak Harbor, Ohio, serving as strong, Ohio-based sources of energy and jobs for the 15 years of the proposed program.

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 Ohio 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,

Kristi Dowicki