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January 6, 2015

The Honorable John Kasich Governor of Ohio Riffe Center, 30th Floor 77 South High Street Columbus, OH 43215-6117 United Way For Total VED - DOCKET INC DIV

Dear Governor Kasich,

On behalf of United Way in Ottawa County, I want to keep affordable and reliable electricity available to support our economy in the years ahead.

FirstEnergy is a long-time supporter of United Way and our work to improve lives in our community. I believe that they have done an excellent job keeping electric prices affordable for consumers. We see people at the lowest end of the economic scale who are trying to maintain a livable situation and the programs they make available to assist low income customers or those with a medical hardship are invaluable.

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 here in Ottawa County. Any threat to that plant is a threat to our community.

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).

Sincerely

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Ottawa County Area Director

cc: PUCO Chairman Thomas W. Johnson

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December 30, 2014

Our Mission is to improve your health and well-being.

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Dear Governor Kasich,

On behalf of ProMedica, I am writing to encourage your support for FirstEnergy's proposed Electric Security Plan, *Powering Ohio's Progress*. This plan will help promote reliable energy and keep future price increases in check for customers like ProMedica, while supporting job creation and new business growth in our state.

As a customer of First Energy, ProMedica consumes more than 100 million kilowatt hours of electricity annually among just five of our hospitals, not including other locations and ancillary services. First Energy has worked to keep electricity prices affordable for businesses and consumers; however, regulatory concerns and market pressures have led to circumstances that could drive up electricity prices and affect the reliability of service to our facilities. This plan will provide a safety net against this volatility and enhance overall electric service.

In addition to keeping affordable and reliable electricity available in our state, your support for *Powering Ohio's Progress* will promote the economic wellbeing of our communities. This plan will help retain approximately 3,000 family-sustaining jobs, and preserve more than \$52 million in tax revenue, and also provide \$6 million per year in economic development funding and energy efficiency assistance to Ohio residents.

We appreciate FirstEnergy's commitment to serving Ohio's energy needs, and I hope you will support this plan for our state's energy future. In the meantime, I would appreciate if your staff could docket this letter as part of the record in this proceeding (14-1297-EL-SSO).

Thank you for your service and support to our communities and, as always, please let me know if I can ever be of assistance to you or your staff.

Sincerely,

Randy Oostra, DM, FACHE

President and CEO

cc: Thomas W. Johnson, Chairman, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Linda L. Moss, Regional President, Toledo Edison