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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
 C/o Thomas W. Johnson, Chairman
 180 East Broad Street
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Re: First Energy Electric Security Plan

Dear Chairman Johnson:

The Affiliated Construction Trades Ohio Foundation ("ACT Ohio") is a 501(C)(5) organization established by the Ohio State Building & Construction Trades Council to facilitate industrial growth and promote industry best practices for Ohio's public and private construction. With 123 local affiliates, 14 regional councils, and over 90,000 members, our organization seeks your consideration and support with regard to this very important matter.

On behalf of our organization, I urge your close consideration and approval of First Energy Corporation's proposed Electric Security Plan ("ESP").

Let me address our support for the ESP from 2 separate but related perspectives. First, our members derive hundreds of thousands of man-hours each and every year servicing and maintaining FirstEnergy's baseload power plants across the State of Ohio. This work is precious to our members and their families, and encompasses exactly the types of projects we are working so hard to promote. Let me assure you, we do not take this work for granted, having experienced a number of closures in recent years. Simply put, we support this ESP primarily on the basis that, if approved, operation of both the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Plant in Oak Harbor, Ohio, and the W.H. Sammis Plant in Stratton, Ohio, is solidified on a long-term basis.

Second, along with our partner-contractors, the market we serve, while exceptionally diverse, is sensitive to volatility in energy costs. Stability in the energy markets helps promote capital improvement projects. These projects give our contractors opportunities to compete, and thus gives our members opportunities to go to work. Simply put, stability in the energy markets, along with distribution system reliability, helps promote industrial development.

Thank you for your consideration on this very important issue. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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