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Mr. Tom Johnson, Chairman  
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
80 E. Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: Eramet modification to their reasonable arraignment (PUCO Case No. 09-516-EL-AEC)

Dear Chairman Johnson,

I write today to express my support for Eramet Marietta's modification to their reasonable arrangement currently pending before the PUCO. As a major employer in Washington County, Eramet makes a significant contribution to our local economy. In fact, Eramet contributes more than sixty-five million dollars annually towards our economy in wages and benefits for its employees and retirees as well as their payment of state and local taxes that support our community.

Eramet which was originally Union Carbide Metals and Union Carbide Plastics employed nearly 1,100 workers when constructed in the early 1950's. In 2008 there were 400 hundred workers at that facility. Currently there are 188 employees.

The plant is located in Warren Township and contributes substantially to the school district in the form of real estate taxes.

With the approval of this proposal, I am told that Eramet will be able to invest in new manufacturing that will not only allow them to comply with federal EPA mandates, but also allow for the investment of new technology that will permit Eramet to remain competitive in our global economy.

The most critical component necessary to sustain the viability of this company is the provision of affordable electricity in order to permit this important development of our area. Quite simply, failure to provide for affordable power could lead to closure of this facility which would serve as a devastating blow to our economy.

Thus, I hope that the PUCO would look favorable upon Eramet's modification to their reasonable arrangement. The ability of Eramet to invest in capital upgrades and retain

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their well paid employees at their Marietta facility will provide substantial benefits for years to come to our region and our state. Thank you for your attention and work on this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe A. Matthews". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent. The ink is black and the background is white.

Joe A. Matthews, Mayor