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

Atten: Docketing Case #09-516-EL-AEC

Dear Chairman Johnson:

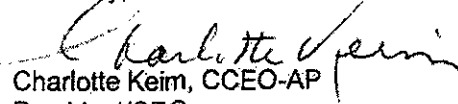
On behalf of the nearly 600 businesses in the Marietta Area Chamber of Commerce, I would like to express our strong support for the economic investment proposal that is currently pending before the PUCO. I am referring to Eramet Marietta's proposed investment in new technology to comply with Federal EPA regulations so as to retain the good paying jobs at Eramet in Southeastern Ohio.

As a fellow resident of southeastern Ohio, I am sure you are aware of the benefit of well-paying jobs in our part of the state. Eramet spends more than sixty-five million dollars a year in employee and retiree benefits as well as in taxes in support of our schools, hospitals, and local communities.

Growing a strong economy means attracting new jobs but just as importantly ensuring that we retain our current jobs and employers. It is imperative that we do all that we can to encourage jobs and investment in our state. Eramet's modification to their reasonable arrangement that the PUCO should approve does just that. Without this proposal, Eramet may not move forward with its plans to upgrade its facility and invest in our region of Ohio.

Thus, I implore you and the PUCO to continue to support jobs in our state and to approve this proposal that is currently before the Commission. Thank you for your time and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,


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