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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: FirstEnergy rebate programs (16-743- EL-POR)

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to share my experiences with the Ohio Hospital Association (OHA) as a program administrator for utility rebates. The MetroHealth Medical Center (MHMC) has worked for over six years with the OHA and their Energy Rebate Administrator.

The OHA Energy & Sustainability Program and their rebate administrator, have been integral in MHMC's participation in the FirstEnergy rebate program. Historically, the OHA, or their administrator, have been a reliable and knowledgeable resource regarding energy rebate programs. They have provided technical expertise and administrative support that allowed our team to successfully navigate and participate in energy rebates.

If FirstEnergy moves forward with a rebate program without the OHA, it will be challenging for MHMC to participate in the rebate program going forward.

We respectfully request that an OHA rebate administrator needs to be part of a successful FirstEnergy energy efficiency program.

Sincerely,

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