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**RE: 17-1842-EL-ORD IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION'S REVIEW OF
CHAPTER 4901:1-10 OF THE OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**

I appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments on the proposed rule creating a Customer Block – Proposed Ohio Adm.Code 4901:1-10-24(H). The proposed rules add a provision allowing a customer to request a “block” on their account that would require the customer to provide a confidential code in order to change generation providers. I urge the Commission reject this addition as it is unnecessary and overly burdensome for the following reasons:

- CRES suppliers already operate under a strict set of enrollment rules provided in Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-21
- Once the customer gives the code to a CRES, it is no longer confidential
- It duplicates the account/customer number already in use
- The customer already receives a notice from the local utility if they are about to be switched to a CRES to prevent unauthorized switching

Thus, requiring an additional step in the process is simply unnecessary. In fact, requiring this additional step would actually cause more confusion. Adding a costly and confusing requirement many years into the operation of a steady, successful market is simply unreasonable.

Should you have any questions or additional needs, please call me at (330) 730-4338.

Respectfully,

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