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The Honorable Bob Taft Governor, State of Ohio 77 S. High Street Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Bob:

As you know, Dominion Homes is the largest residential builder on the Columbia Gas of Ohio distribution system. We employ hundreds of Ohio residents and, directly or indirectly, add millions of dollars to our state's economy every year. As a leader in the highly competitive residential building market, we are extremely sensitive to the price, availability and reliability of natural gas for both our company and our customers.

As a result, Dominion Homes is concerned about a recent order the by Public Utilities Commission of Ohio that substantially altered a stipulation agreed to by Columbia and a diverse coalition of customers. We fear that, if left unchanged, the modified stipulation could result in a degradation of reliability and uncertainty in pricing for natural gas that could, in turn, destabilize our company's future development strategies in terms of energy-related investment.

We are, however, sensitive to the concerns expressed by the Commission Staff in the modified stipulation. We think that the revised stipulation filed by the coalition on April 9, 2004, offers a balanced and equitable response to the issues raised by the Staff. For that reason, I encourage you to intervene in support of expedited approval of the modified stipulation. Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can answer questions or provide more information.

Sincerely

Douglas G. Borror

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