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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
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Re: Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. Gas Collaborative Workshop

Dear Mr. Puican:

Over the past year, WPS Energy Services has actively participated in the Duke Energy Ohio ("DE-Ohio") Gas Collaborative Workshop as an interested stakeholder. We received a full and fair opportunity to discuss our concerns during the workshop process. We believe that the workshop process identified some important improvements to DE-Ohio's gas choice program.

WPS Energy Services was not formally granted intervention in the Duke Energy/Cinergy merger case, therefore we were not asked to sign the Stipulation and Recommendation relating to DE-Ohio's gas collaborative workshop. Although, not all of our concerns were met we believe the stipulation is an improvement for the DE-Ohio gas market.

Please accept this letter as WPS Energy Services' support for the changes to DE-Ohio's gas choice program, as memorialized in the Stipulation and Recommendation, and our request that the Commission approve the Stipulation and Recommendation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Daniel J. Verbanac", is written over a horizontal line.

Daniel J. Verbanac  
Chief Operating Officer

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