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

RE: City of Parma, Ohio Government Aggregation Program

DOCKET NUMBER: 00-1926-EL-GAG

Dear Sir or Madam,

The City of Parma, Ohio, (City) is certified as a Competitive Retail Electric Service Provider, whose office or principal place of business is located at 6611 Ridge Road, Parma Ohio 44129-5593. Residents, commercial and industrial businesses and municipal buildings in the City receive electric service from The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company. Since early 2001, the City has offered it residents, mercantile customers and municipal buildings the option of participating in its government aggregation program with generation service provided at a discount to the utility offer. Currently, there are over 28,000 participants in the program and to-date, the City's government aggregation program has saved participants over \$15,000,000.

The City respectfully requests that when the Commission considers the aforementioned matter, it recognizes the benefit of competition and adopts rules to encourage and promote a large scale approach to government aggregation across the state. In doing so, the Commission should not introduce limits in terms of the size of a community that can offer a government aggregation program, eliminate switching fees and not burden the government aggregation programs with utility charges related to generation.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean DePiero, Mayor City of Parma

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