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Re: Case # 08-0072-GA-AIR

To Whom It May Concern:

The Mid Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) and the Center for Energy & Environment at MORPC would like to express support for the Columbia Gas of Ohio's Demand Side Management and WarmChoice programs.

These programs directly support a major goal of MORPC's Public Policy Agenda, shaped by members of the Central Ohio Regional Policy Roundtable, which is a group of diverse interests and representation from the 12 county region. The adopted goal is to promote energy efficiency and conservation, as well as renewable and alternative energy. The implementation of energy efficiency measures are an important strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to achieve air quality attainment in central Ohio.

We believe that the company's plan to invest millions in improving its natural gas pipeline system in Ohio will be good for jobs and for the environment.

Recently, we served on the DSM Stakeholder Group for Columbia Gas of Ohio. We have worked with Columbia Gas of Ohio to implement their WarmChoice program for over 20 years, providing a wide range of energy efficiency services to qualifying clientele throughout Franklin County. Our collaboration with other agencies, local governments, private sector and non-profits, has ensured the best use of the resources available.

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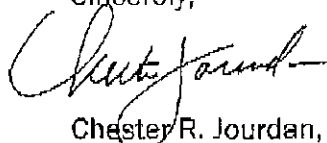
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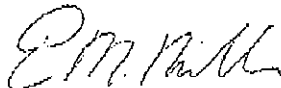
The expeditious authorization of these energy efficiency programs will allow us, as a WarmChoice provider, to better prepare for ramping up our service delivery in 2009.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Erin Miller, 614-233-4178 or emiller@morpc.org.

Sincerely,



Chester R. Jourdan, Jr.
Executive Director



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