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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 E. Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Case #08-0072-GA-AIR

To Whom It May Concern:

Ground Level Solutions, Inc. (GLS) would like to take this opportunity to express our support for the Columbia Gas of Ohio's WarmChoice and Demand Side Management (DSM) programs.

GLS is an Ohio based 501(C)-3 Organization providing energy efficiency, energy conservation, and consumer education to households in 28 Ohio counties. Our mission is to "foster the wise and prudent use of available energy resources through the planning, design, implementation, and operation of energy and affordable housing initiatives focusing on the needs of moderate and low-income individuals and families". The operation of services such as the Columbia Gas WarmChoice program and access to utility demand side management projects provides GLS, our partner companies, and partner community based organizations with valuable resources to assist Ohioans with energy use challenges in their homes.

It is our belief that Columbia Gas of Ohio's commitment to service reliability, energy conservation, and the health & safety of their customers is evident in their plan to invest necessary resources in natural gas pipeline infrastructure improvements, innovative DSM initiatives, and sustaining their nationally acclaimed WarmChoice program. The company's plan has the potential to provide positive economic development benefits, environmental benefits, and promote energy efficiency and conservation in Ohio.

Columbia Gas of Ohio has been a reliable partner of GLS for more than 20 years. Their support has been essential in our efforts to reduce the energy footprint of Ohio families. It is our belief that the timely implementation of their demand side management and energy efficiency proposal will be of great benefit to Ohio consumers. To that end, we respectfully urge the expeditious authorization of the funding mechanism for Columbia Gas of Ohio's energy efficiency and DSM plan.

Thank you for your time and attention in your consideration of our comments on behalf of Columbia Gas of Ohio. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact John Johnson at (614) 861-7992.

Respectfully,

C. Christopher Ramsey
Board President

John Johnson, Jr.
Executive Director

CC: Jack Laverty, Columbia Gas of Ohio
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