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RE: Case No. 11-5028-GA-UNC, 11-5029-GA-AAM

Dear Commissioners,

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, a member of the Columbia Gas of Ohio DSM Stakeholder Group, expresses its support for Joint Recommendation and Stipulation in the above referenced case.

For many years MORPC has been one of the vendors providing service to low-income families under the Columbus Gas Warm Choice program. Through this program we have not only helped Columbia Gas conserve irreplaceable natural gas resources, but we have also helped hundreds of families enjoy more comfortable homes, lower utility bills and enhanced property values. The residential energy efficiency services provided under the Warm Choice program cannot be outsourced; through this program, Columbia Gas creates jobs for Ohioans like the members of our own staff.

In proposing the new program covered by the Joint Recommendation and Stipulation referred to above, Columbia Gas is continuing its tradition of providing affordable energy to the neediest of our residents, going above and beyond the requirements of the law to provide a valuable service not just to these residents but also to the community at large. We urge you to recognize the value of this tradition by acting in concert with the Joint Recommendation and Stipulation.

Sincerely,

Chester R. Jourdan, Jr.
Executive Director

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