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Mr. Todd A. Snitchler
Chairman
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

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RE: CASE # 12-1230-EL-SSO

Dear Chairman Snitchler:

The Ottawa County Improvement Corporation (OCIC) serves as the lead economic and workforce development agency for all of Ottawa County. With specific regards to Case # 12-1230-EL-SSO, the OCIC is in agreement with the Ohio Manufacturers Association, Ohio Hospital Association, Ohio Industrial Energy Users Group, and Ohio Energy Group in endorsing FirstEnergy's Electric Security Plan (ESP). As such, we are asking the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to look favorably upon FirstEnergy's request to extend its ESP. With all of the economic uncertainty in the world today, stable utility rates invite an environment that is conducive to business expansion.

The OCIC also feels it is important to note that FirstEnergy Corporation, through its subsidiaries Toledo & Ohio Edison, has been an active partner and supporter of economic development efforts in Ottawa County for many years. They have provided not only monetary resources to these efforts, but personnel in the field to assist with projects and initiatives. We truly appreciate their involvement and leadership in our community.

Sincerely,



Jamie N. Beier Grant
Director

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