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Mr. Todd A. Snitchler
Chairman
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43512

RE: CASE # 12-1230-EL-SSO

Dear Chairman Snitchler:

I am writing to you to communicate our desire for the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to look favorably upon FirstEnergy's request to extend its Energy Security Plan (ESP). With all the uncertainty in the world today, stable utility rates invite an environment that is conducive to business expansion. Manufacturing has led the revival of Toledo's economy. The Ohio Manufacturing Association (OMA) supports the extension of the ESP, and I believe their support carries substantial weight.

In addition, FirstEnergy Corporation, through its subsidiary Toledo Edison, has been an active partner regarding economic development efforts in Lucas 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.

Third, in regard to FirstEnergy's ESP, we also support the Lucas County Commissioners request for additional funding for energy efficiency efforts. Energy efficiency programs not only lower the cost of energy to customers and are friendly to the natural environment, but can be an effective economic development tool as well.

Sincerely,

Ford P. Weber, J.D., CECD
President & CEO

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