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Todd A. Snitchler, Chairman
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Re: Complaint to Duke Energy Rates - File in Case No. 11-3549-EL-SSO

Dear Chairman Snitchler:

On behalf of Aluminum Extruded Shapes, located within the Duke-OH utility service territory, I am writing to express strong concern over the alarming increase in electric distribution rates our business is experiencing. I urge you to seriously consider the impact these new rates will have on our facility as well as others in our area.

Our facility, along with many other local businesses, has taken advantage of the deregulated market in Ohio, and we have been able to see a significant reduction in the cost associated with our electricity. However, in light of the utility's new distribution rate structure and in particular through the newly created Generation Riders, the "ESSC" and "LFA", the cost associated with the distribution of our electric is eroding the cost saved regarding the actual commodity.

In order to fully gauge the impact of the recent Duke rate changes, an analysis was done to compare our electric distribution costs based upon our actual energy usage for the period of January to December 2011, using both the prior and new tariff rates. That analysis showed that the same usage in 2012 will incur a *distribution cost increase* of more than \$43,000. That represents an increase of 79%, and to a business such as ours, can result in a significant negative impact on our operating budget.

Rate increases such as these are becoming evident with the new ESP and have the ability to be devastating to many local businesses and school districts.

We urge you to reconsider the original PUCO decision of approval.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. We request that you have a copy of this letter filed in PUCO Case No. **11-3549-EL-SSO**.

Sincerely,

Aluminum Extruded Shapes

CEO

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