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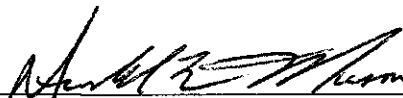
Dear Commissioners:


We write to you in support of the Ormet Corporation's request for rate relief with their power agreement with AEP. The case number is 09-119 EL-AEC.


Wetzel County, West Virginia is located along the Ohio River and directly across the river from Ormet. Ormet employs nearly 1000 people from the two state area. Approximately 40% of those employees come from West Virginia. The financial loss to the area would be devastating if Ormet would close. It is estimated the loss of jobs and wages would be nearly \$50 million.

Therefore, we strongly urge the Public Utility Commission of Ohio to rule in favor of Ormet's request for relief from AEP's power agreement.

Sincerely,


Donald E. Mason, President


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