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Dear Commission Members:

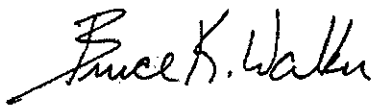
As Fall sets in across Ohio, my family and I have donned sweaters and sweatshirts in our home because we keep our thermostats set a few degrees cooler than most homes in an effort to save energy (and, in the process, save some money) and to reduce pollution.

Now, I understand that Duke Energy, our gas and electric supplier, is asking your commission to approve an "Electric Security Plan" proposal that includes a rider whereby Duke would be allowed to collect higher rates for energy produced by the most outdated, most polluting coal-fired power plants in Ohio for as long as 15 years into the future. The only beneficiaries of such a plan would be Duke Energy's shareholders in the form of increased profits. The losers from this plan would be you, me, and everyone who breathes air in Ohio. Not only that, but the utility rates would then rise for everyone in the State of Ohio, not just Duke Energy customers, because the energy from these outdated plants actually costs more than the energy available on the open market.

My family and I urge you to deny this request. Duke has the option of purchasing more power on the open electricity supply market, where more electricity from renewable energy sources is available. This would reduce pollution in Ohio. And Duke's customers would actually save money if Duke purchased more outside power because of the price difference. Don't make us subsidize Duke's efforts to maintain its profit levels at the expense of the health of Ohio's citizens.

Please help to insure the health of all citizens of Ohio, and help to reduce energy costs for everyone in Ohio, not just those of us who are Duke customers. Please deny their request. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Dear Ms. Flynn:

Thank you for contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) regarding Duke Energy Ohio's electric security plan (ESP).

On May 29, 2014, Duke filed an application to establish an ESP for the term June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2018. In the application, Duke proposed to secure all supply needed for its standard service offer (SSO) customers through a competitive bidding process.

The PUCO is currently reviewing the utility's application. An evidentiary hearing is scheduled to begin October 22, 2014, at the PUCO offices. Local public hearings were also scheduled throughout Duke's service territory to allow members of the public an opportunity to express their views on Duke's application.

Decisions made by the PUCO are based on the public record and your comments are being docketed in Case No. 14-0841-EL-SSO. You may access all filings made in this docket at www.PUCO.ohio.gov. Click on the link to "Docketing Information System (DIS)" and enter the case number in the search field.

Should you have any additional utility-related questions, please do not hesitate to contact the PUCO Call Center at (800) 686-PUCO (7826) or visit our website.

Sincerely,

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