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March 1, 2016

The Honorable John Kasich Governor of Ohio Riffe Center, 30th Floor 77 South High Street Columbus, OH 43215-6117

Dear Governor Kasich:

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On behalf of Gexpro and our 100+ hard-working Ohio employees, I want to keep affordable and reliable electricity available to support our economy in the years ahead.

FirstEnergy has been a valuable customer of my company and I believe they have done an excellent job keeping electric prices affordable for businesses and consumers. However, FirstEnergy and others have been challenged in recent years by regulatory issues and market pressures that have led to the closing of many of Ohio's largest power plants, and more retirements are expected. I'm concerned that these factors could drive up electricity prices and affect the reliability of our service at a time when we're still recovering from a difficult economy.

We can't afford to wait on the sidelines for the market to react or the federal government to intervene. The time is now for Ohio to take action and secure our energy future.

That's why I'm urging your support of FirstEnergy's proposed Electric Security Plan, Powering Ohio's Progress, which will help keep future price increases in check while enabling Ohio to preserve its vital energy resources. FirstEnergy's plan also provides economic development funding to help Ohio create more jobs and attract new business growth.

We truly appreciate FirstEnergy's commitment to serving Ohio's energy needs, and we hope you will support this solid plan for our state's energy future. In the meantime, we would appreciate it if your staff could docket this letter as part of the record in this proceeding (14-1297-EL-SSO).

Best regards.

Scott E. Geraghty **District Manager** 

cc: PUCO Chairman Andre T. Porter State Senator Tom Patton

State Representative Marlene Anielski to certify that the images appearing are an accurate and complete reproduction of a case file document delivered in the regular completes. \_\_Date Processed

March 2, 2016

RE: First Energy Ohio Utilities' Proposed Electric Security Plan

To Whom It May Concern:

Please find enclosed the Cleveland Building and Construction Trades Council resolution supporting First Energy Ohio Utilities' Proposed Electric Security Plan. The Cleveland Building and Construction Trades Council had a meeting on March 1, 2016 and voted unanimously in support of this resolution.

Thank you for taking the time to read the enclosed documentation.

David J. Wondolowski **Executive Secretary** 

Cleveland Building and Construction Trades Council



March 2, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

The following resolution was presented at our March 1st meeting of the Cleveland Building and Construction Trades Council and our delegates voted unanimously to support.

## CLEVELAND BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL

## RESOLUTION

## SUPPORTING FIRSTENERGY OHIO UTILITIES' PROPOSED ELECTRIC SECURITY PLAN

## March 1, 2016

WHEREAS, The Cleveland Building and Construction Trades Council represents union members in Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga, and Ashtabula counties. There are 17 unions affiliated with the Cleveland Building and Construction Trades Council that represent a wide variety of fields, which are a valued provider of income for our members. Ohio's power plants create thousands of union jobs and produce major infrastructure projects that put union members to work.

WHEREAS, FirstEnergy Ohio utilities' proposed Electric Security Plan, Powering Ohio's Progress, will help keep electricity affordable and reliable; and

WHEREAS, key provisions of Powering Ohio's Progress help safeguard residents from electric price volatility and increases in the future; and

WHEREAS, Powering Ohio's Progress supports the state's economic future by helping ensure that vital baseload power plants in Ohio remain available to serve electric customers; and

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WHEREAS, Powering Ohio's Progress retains local jobs, protects local tax revenues and helps support manufacturing, construction and other industries.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, the members of the Cleveland Building and Construction Trades Council, are pleased to endorse FirstEnergy Ohio utilities' proposed Electric Security Plan, Powering Ohio's Progress, which will help support the economy and quality of life in the years ahead.

Yours truly,

David J. Wondolowski, Executive Secretary Cleveland Building and Construction Trades Council