

**The Home Builders****The Building Industry Association of Central Ohio***Affiliated with the National Association of Home Builders and the Ohio Home Builders Association*

June 29, 2016

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Attn: Docketing Division
180 E. Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Case No. 16-1309-GA-UNC, 16-1310-GA-AAM

The Building Industry Association of Central Ohio (BIA) expresses its support for the continuation of Demand Side Management programs proposed by Columbia Gas of Ohio in the above case numbers. The BIA is a trade association representing single-family builders, developers, and remodelers in the central Ohio area. Other members include trade partners, suppliers and service professionals. Our members understand the importance of energy efficient construction techniques and conserving natural resources. Columbia's programs will provide customers with substantial energy conservation benefits such as reduced natural gas bills as a result of participating in the proposed programs. The programs have the potential to save customers millions of dollars in energy costs over the life of the energy conservation measures.

In addition to lower bills, these programs also:

- Create/retain jobs for Ohioans
- Invest in products and services offered by businesses in Ohio
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Enhance conservation as an energy resource in Ohio
- Improve the safety, health, durability, comfort and affordability of customers' homes

Without Columbia's programs, consumers might not make the best choices in selecting the right services that will actually lower their natural gas usage. We encourage the PUCO to approve these programs so that customers can enjoy the many benefits of good energy efficiency programs.

Sincerely,


James B. Hilz

Executive Director

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