



June 30, 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

Bluflame Service Company expresses its support for the Demand Side Management (DSM) Program proposed by Columbia Gas of Ohio in the above case numbers. Our company has been a long time partner in Columbia's energy efficiency Program and has seen first-hand the positive impact of its Program on our customers and our business. Columbia's Program has enabled us, and will continue to help us, to provide customers with reduced natural gas bills through high efficiency natural gas heating system services that we would continue to provide through the proposed Program. As proposed, the Program is cost effective and has the potential to save tens of thousands of customers millions of dollars in energy costs over the life of the energy conservation measures.

In addition to lower bills, some of the additional benefits that the Program will create for our customers and Ohio's economy include:

- Jobs for Ohioans
- Purchase of products and services from businesses in Ohio
- Reduced electrical usage for heating and cooling
- Improved safety, health, durability, comfort and affordability of customers' homes and businesses
- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions
- Enhanced energy efficiency as an energy resource in Ohio
- Savings on customer water and sewer bills

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Without Columbia's programs, many of our customers would not engage in energy efficiency for their home or business and thousands of Ohioans would spend more for their utilities than is necessary. Our company and its employees urge the PUCO to approve Columbia's DSM Program so that our customers can continue to enjoy the many benefits created through energy efficiency programs.

Sincerely,

Julie Binz

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Treasurer