



Ohio Society for Healthcare Facilities Management

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February 17, 2017

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: FirstEnergy rebate programs (16-743- EL-POR)

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing as president of the Ohio Society for Healthcare Facilities Management (OSHF) on behalf of, and at the direction of the OSHF Board (governing board members listed below my signature). We write to share our support of the Ohio Hospital Association's (OHA) Energy & Sustainability program and its role in facility utility programs.

OSHF was established as a professional society associated with OHA in 1983. The society's purpose is to advance the development of hospital engineering, security and safety in Ohio. OSHF's membership includes all hospitals in Ohio.

Historically, the OHA Energy & Sustainability Program has been integral for our members' participation in utility energy efficiency programs. This is especially prudent in the FirstEnergy territory. OHA is our first call. OHA provides technical expertise and administrative support that allows us to participate and submit rebates.

The OHA Energy & Sustainability Program is the most successful healthcare energy efficiency program in the country. OHA was recipient of a 2016 Energy Star Partner of the Year, recognizing the merits of member participation and energy savings, and has received other local, regional and national awards.

The goal for the Program is to help hospitals reduce their energy use, costs and Green House Gas Emissions. OHA's approach is to, without judgement, measure where a facility stands against other hospitals in energy use by benchmarking in the Energy Star Portfolio Manager tool. Hospitals in the lower 25th percentile are encouraged to seek further assistance in the form of audits or retro-commissioning. Hospitals in the top 25th percentile are encouraged to seek national recognition in the form of ENERGY STAR certification.

If FirstEnergy moves forward with a rebate program without OHA, it will limit our member's ability to participate in the rebate program in the future.

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A successful energy efficiency program for FirstEnergy must include OHA as an administrator of rebates.

Sincerely,



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