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*We get it.*

February 28, 2017

Mr. Asim Haque  
Chair, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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

Dear Chairman Haque:

I am writing to express my strong support for the Ohio Hospital Association as a program administrator for utility rebates, and to urge you and your fellow commissioners to prevail upon FirstEnergy to include OHA as an administrator moving forward.

For years, the OHA Energy & Sustainability Program has been integral for Lake Health's participation in the FirstEnergy rebate program. OHA is the most successful health care energy efficiency program in the country, winning multiple national awards – including recognition as a 2016 ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year by the U.S. Department of Energy and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

OHA's Energy & Sustainability program exists entirely to help hospitals reduce their energy use, costs, and emissions. OHA provides the technical expertise and administrative support that allows us to participate and submit rebates, which in turn, allows Lake Health to devote more resources to improving patient care.

If FirstEnergy moves forward with a rebate program without OHA, it will jeopardize Lake Health's ability to participate in such a program in the future.

We believe in order for FirstEnergy's efficiency program to be successful, it must include OHA as an administrator of rebates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Weber".

John Weber  
Vice President, Support Services  
Lake Health

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