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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 E Broad Street  
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RE: First Energy rebate programs (16-743-EL-POR)

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to share my experiences with the Ohio Hospital Association (OHA) in its recent role as a program administrator for utility rebates.

The University Hospitals Health System has worked closely with the OHA and their Energy Rebate Administrator, who have been integral to UH's participation in the FirstEnergy rebate program. Specifically, the OHA administrator assisted in UH securing rebates for the first LEED Silver Certified hospital in Ohio, UH Ahuja Medical Center, as well as other locations, and has been a valuable and reliable resource regarding energy rebate program opportunities. They have provided technical expertise and knowledge and administrative support that has allowed our team to successfully navigate and participate in these programs.

A FirstEnergy rebate program that does not include the Ohio Hospital Association as a program administrator would present a significant challenge for UH to successfully participate and earn rebates.

We respectfully request that an OHA rebate administrator be a part of a FirstEnergy energy efficiency program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mary Beth Levine'.

Mary Beth Levine

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