

May 8, 2020

Docketing Division
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 E Broad St., 11th Flr,
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Case No. 20-637-GA-UNC

Dear Ms. Troupe:

Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy (“OPAE”) supports the Motion as filed in the above captioned matter. OPAE supports the suspension of Columbia’s home energy audits and energy efficiency programs until such time that the programs can be run in accordance with the guidelines established by the Governor, Director of Health, and the Commission. The Director of Health has authorized the construction industry to return to work, and the Ohio Development Services Agency has authorized grantees of the Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) and the Electric Partnership to return to the field. The HWAP Technical Subcommittee has completed development of draft best practices to be followed to ensure the safety of clients and workers, which are being vetted across the network. It is our hope that the Commission and the utilities authorize utility-funded weatherization activities to go forward when the best practices are finalized.

OPAE supports Columbia’s request for a waiver of certain rules applying to the suspension and disconnection of customers and the re-verification of PIPP customers until such time as the Commission deems appropriate. OPAE commends Columbia for its efforts to maintain or restore customer service during the state of emergency and thanks the Commission for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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Summary: Comments electronically filed by Mr. Robert Dove on behalf of Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy