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Ashtabula Township Trustees

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RALPH McQUAIDE, Clerk

December 6, 1996

Frank J. Miraglia, Jr.
Deputy Director, NRR
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
One White Flint North
11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, Maryland 20852-2738

Dear Mr. Miraglia:

Enclosed is a copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Township Trustees of Ashtabula Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio during their regular meeting held December 4, 1996.

The resolution supports the merger of the Centerior Energy Corporation and Ohio Edison under a new holding company called First Energy.

Your support and assistance in this proposed merger is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ralph McQuaide

Ralph McQuaide, Clerk
Ashtabula Township

Enclosure: Resolution supporting merger

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The Board of Township Trustees of Ashtabula Township met in a Regular Meeting December 4, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. at 2718 North Ridge East, Ashtabula, Ohio. Present at the meeting were Sam Bucci - Chairman, Mary Ann Smith, Vice-Chairman, Cosmos D. Ray, Trustee and Ralph McQuaide, Clerk.

Mr. Ray moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION supporting the merger of Centerior Energy Corporation and Ohio Edison under a new holding company called First Energy.

WHEREAS, Centerior is a valued corporate citizen, employer and taxpayer in Ashtabula Township; and

WHEREAS, the merger of Centerior Energy Corporation and Ohio Edison would create a \$5 billion, Fortune 300 company; and

WHEREAS, this new company would become the nation's 11th. largest investor-owned electric system; Ohio's largest single taxpayer, with \$516 million in annual payments; and one of the state top 20 employers; and

WHEREAS, the merger would keep jobs in Ohio; create a larger enterprise with more resources - offering customers better electric service and a wider array of energy-related products; and

WHEREAS, the combination of the contiguous service areas will further assist community and state economic development efforts in attracting jobs over a wider region of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, a rate reduction plan has been filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio which would greatly benefit Centerior customers with rate reductions commencing after the merger is approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Township Trustees of Ashtabula Township:

Section 1. That the Board of Township Trustees of Ashtabula Township hereby urges state and federal regulators to quickly approve the First Energy merger so that Centerior Energy customers and employees can begin to enjoy the benefits as soon as possible.

Section 2. That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor George V. Voinovich, Ohio Consumers' Counsel Robert S. Tongren, members of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, members of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, members of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and the appropriate members of the Ohio House and Senate.

Mrs. Smith seconded the motion to adopt the resolution.

On the call of the roll on the adoption of the resolution Mr. Bucci voted yes, Mrs. Smith voted yes and Mr. Ray voted yes.

Adopted December 4, 1996

Certification

State of Ohio, Ashtabula County

I, the undersigned Clerk of Ashtabula Township, Ashtabula County, Ohio certify that the foregoing Resolution is taken and copied from the record of proceedings of the Township, and that it has been compared by me with the resolution on the record and is a true copy.

Date: December 4, 1996

Ralph McQuaide
Ralph McQuaide, Township Clerk
Ashtabula Township, Ashtabula
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