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PUCO RESPONSE MEMORANDUM

To: Mark Hamlin
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From: Angela Hawkins
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Date: July 12, 2016

Re: PUCO Response – Natural Gas Infrastructure Development Rider (OAC § 4901:1-43-01 through 4901:1-43-04)

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) proposed new rules within a new Ohio Administrative Code chapter governing natural gas infrastructure development riders, Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-43, on December 9, 2015. Prior to issuing the proposed new rules, the PUCO held a workshop in June 2015 to enable interested stakeholders to offer proposals for Staff's consideration. Two stakeholders spoke at the workshop offering general comments in support of the rules.

Following a formal comment period, the PUCO issued a final Finding and Order on June 1, 2016, adopting the proposed rules, with modifications in response to stakeholder comments, which were summarized in the Finding and Order. The modifications included removal of certain requirements opposed by stakeholders, clarifications requested by stakeholders, and consolidation of two of the proposed rules. No applications for rehearing were filed. On July 7, 2016, CSI replied to the PUCO, finding that the PUCO met its statutory obligations while attempting to minimize the adverse impacts to business, stating that CSI had no recommendations, and concluding that the PUCO should proceed with formal filing of the rules package with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR). In light of CSI's conclusion, the PUCO will proceed and file these rules with JCARR.

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