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PUCO RESPONSE MEMORANDUM

To: Ethan Wittkorn
Regulatory Policy Advocate
Ohio Lieutenant Governor's Common Sense Initiative Office

From: Angela Hawkins
Legal Director
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Date: May 14, 2021

Re: PUCO Response – Gas Pipeline Safety (Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-16)

In Case No. 19-47-GA-ORD, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) is reviewing its rules in Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-16. These rules concern gas pipeline safety requirements for entities regulated by the PUCO. Prior to issuing the proposed rules, the PUCO held a workshop on February 14, 2019, to enable interested stakeholders to offer proposals for the PUCO's consideration. Representatives of approximately 20 interested stakeholders attended the workshop.

Following a formal comment period, during which comments and reply comments were filed by multiple stakeholders, the PUCO issued a Finding and Order on November 18, 2020, adopting the proposed rules as set forth in the order, and subsequently issued an Entry on Rehearing on January 13, 2021. On May 13, 2021, the Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Office replied to the PUCO, 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.

cc: Sean McCullough, Director, Common Sense Initiative Office
Sarah Parrot, Chief, Gas Section, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio