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PUCO RESPONSE MEMORANDUM

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

From: Angela Hawkins
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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Date: September 9, 2021

Re: PUCO Response – Recovery of Infrastructure Development Costs (Ohio
Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-43)

In Case No. 21-10-GA-ORD, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) is reviewing its rules in Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901:1-43. These rules concern the recovery of infrastructure development costs by natural gas companies regulated by the PUCO. Prior to issuing the proposed rules, the PUCO held a workshop on February 1, 2021, to enable interested stakeholders to offer proposals for the PUCO's consideration. Representatives of interested stakeholders attended the workshop, with comments offered by two stakeholders.

Following a formal comment period, during which comments and reply comments were filed by multiple stakeholders, the PUCO issued a Finding and Order on July 14, 2021, adopting the proposed rules as set forth in the order. On September 9, 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
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