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Public Utilities Commission Nominating Council
c/o Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street, 11th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

Dear Nominating Council Members:

Please accept this letter and attached curriculum vitae as a formal application for the position of Commissioner at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). I believe I am uniquely qualified for this role. My experience in both regulated and non-regulated environments has afforded me an advantageous perspective and appreciation for the importance of the Commission's activities in the pursuit of adequate, safe, and reliable energy supply for consumers.

In February 2017, I was appointed to the position of Commissioner to complete a three year unexpired term. I have found my tenure as a PUCO Commissioner to be extraordinarily rewarding. It is my hope that my time in public service has contributed in some modest measure to the benefit of Ohioans. While serving as a Commissioner, I have been involved in the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC) as a member of the Committee on Consumers and the Public Interest and the Committee on Gas. I have moderated and engaged in panel discussions on various topics at a number of organizational meetings. Also, I was honored to offer testimony in 2019 before the United States Congressional Subcommittee on Energy, supporting continued funding for the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA).

Prior to my appointment as Commissioner, for nearly 20 years I enjoyed varied responsibilities with a number of energy companies, both regulated and non-regulated. My work experience provided me the opportunity to interact with commissions, utilities, consumer advocates, and competitors in a dozen states, including Ohio, working collaboratively with stakeholder groups addressing issues germane to the energy industry. Additionally, I am admitted to the bar in both Ohio and Pennsylvania.

I reside in Waterville, Ohio. I am a registered Democrat. I can be reached at 419-878-8459. Your favorable consideration of my continuing interest in the position of Commissioner would be appreciated.

Sincerely,



Lawrence K. Friedeman

Attachment

Lawrence K. Friedeman
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Employment History

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Commissioner **2017 – Present**

One of five Commissioners serving to assure all consumers in Ohio have access to adequate, safe, and reliable utility services at a fair price. Adjudicate matters pursued by stakeholders and brought before the Commission. Participated as a moderator or panelist at various organizational conferences including Financial Research Institute, Mid-Atlantic Conference of Regulatory Utilities Commissioners, Midwestern Governors Association, and National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). Member of NARUC, serving on two committees:

- ❖ Committee on Gas - Considers issues affecting transportation, distribution, and sale of natural gas in a safe and efficient way.
- ❖ Committee on Consumers and the Public Interest - Examines the role of state commissions in protecting consumer interests in the complex area of public utilities, including challenges related to fair practices in the competitive marketplace, information protection, and consumer education.

IGS Energy, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and Compliance **2010 – 2017**

Responsibilities included oversight of market compliance functions across all pertinent territories to assure market activities consistent with statutory and regulatory requirements. Additional responsibilities included interaction with utility regulatory commissions, utilities, and other stakeholders.

Vectren Energy Delivery of Ohio (VEDO) **2001 – 2010**

Responsibilities during this tenure were germane to both regulated and unregulated activities on behalf of subsidiaries within Vectren Corporation, including positions as Deputy Counsel for Vectren Utility Holdings, Inc. and Vice President of Regulatory Affairs for Vectren Retail, LLC in market areas unrelated to the service footprint of VEDO, representing both regulated and unregulated entities concurrently.

Columbia Energy Services, Inc., Regulatory Liaison **1997 – 2001**

This period represents the incipient stages of residential retail competition in the energy industry. Responsibilities included regulatory affairs and compliance activities in all states in which retail activity was undertaken, acting as a primary point of contact with regulatory commissions, consumer advocates, and stakeholder groups participating in market development.

Manufacturing **1984 - 1997**

Housing Authority, Assistant General Counsel **1980 - 1984**

Assistant District Attorney **1979 - 1980**

Education

University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Juris Doctorate 1978

University of Pittsburgh, Bachelor of Arts 1975
Summa Cum Laude

Current Associations / Past Activities

Bar Admission, Ohio and Pennsylvania

Former Board Member, Ohio Gas Association

Former Treasurer, Ohio Gas Suppliers Association

Former Board President, Toledo Area Small Business Association

Former Board Member, Toledo Area Chamber of Commerce

Former Board President, Northwest Ohio Health Planning, Inc.

Former Small Business Advisory Council Member, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland

Former SBA Small Businessperson of the Year for Northern District of Ohio