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Chairman Michael Koren Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Nominating Council 180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Koren:

Please accept my thanks to you and the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) Nominating Council for providing a list, dated December 21, 2020, of four applicants to fill the current vacancy on the PUCO. The list contained candidates who could be an appropriate addition to the PUCO. However, I would like to consider additional capable candidates before making my appointment to the vacancy. Thus, pursuant to R.C. § 4901.021(F), I reject the first list and request you reconvene the PUCO Nominating Council to provide me with a second list. The second list may include candidates that have previously applied, along with new applicants.

Thank you for your service to the people of Ohio in helping to select the best possible candidate.

Very respectfully yours,

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