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To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is in reference to Docket Number M-2017-2596907.

On behalf of Blair County Community Action Program (BCCAP), I would like to express the benefits that our community receives from a couple of the programs that are administered by the PUC.

BCCAP currently operates the WARM program in Blair County and has recently proposed to serve the outlying counties of Bedford, Huntington, and Cambria. We have been providing WARM services through First Energy for over twenty years. The low-income recipients of the WARM program are able to conserve electric energy and reduce their monthly electric bills through the installation of energy efficiency measures and home health and safety measures, as well as receiving comprehensive energy education.

Another program that continues to assist Blair County's low-income individuals/families be able to afford their electric bill is the Customer Assistance Program (CAP). BCCAP continuously receives phone calls and has its community members stop in to gain access to CAP services. Unfortunately, we no longer provide CAP services and have to refer them to Dollar Energy Fund in order to receive assistance.

The consumers that are able to receive WARM and/or CAP to lower their energy bills are, in return, more likely to be able to afford their overall housing expenses and not end up in a homeless or near homeless situation.

Sincerely,

Jodi Williams Deputy Executive Director

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