



Businesses Praise Governor's Leadership on Electricity; Plan Would Help Avoid Price Spikes Seen in Other States

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Eric Burkland, president of The Ohio Manufacturers' Association, issued the following statement in response to Gov. Ted Strickland's plan on electricity restructuring:

"Gov. Strickland has proposed a comprehensive, thoughtful and deliberative plan that will benefit all consumers and help our state's economy. We applaud his leadership and his commitment to promptly finding a solution to Ohio's looming energy crisis.

"The governor clearly shares our goal of placing consumers on equal footing with utility companies. The Ohio Coalition for Affordable Power looks forward to working with the governor and legislative leaders as they take up this vital issue."

The Coalition will have a more detailed response once its members study the governor's proposal in more detail. The Coalition is affiliated with The Ohio Manufacturers' Association (OMA) and the Ohio Energy Group.

It has called for legislation that would restore some of the regulatory powers of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and require the commission to determine the price of electricity based on the cost of producing the power.

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