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**OMA Supports Governor Kasich's Selection of M. Howard Petricoff as
Newest Appointee to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio**

*Petricoff's deep knowledge and experience bode well for Ohio
energy producers, distributors and customers*

(Columbus, OH): Eric Burkland, president of The Ohio Manufacturers' Association (OMA), issued the following statement today supporting Governor Kasich's decision to appoint M. Howard Petricoff to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio:

"Petricoff's appointment to the PUCO is positive and welcome news for Ohio manufacturers. He brings to his new post at the Commission more than three decades of valuable institutional history and deep industry expertise that will enable him to fairly and effectively balance the needs of energy customers and energy suppliers alike. We look forward to working with Commissioner Petricoff on the energy issues that matter to manufacturers."

A Democrat who will fill an unexpired term ending April 10, 2020, Petricoff is a retired partner in the Vorys Columbus office and was member of its energy group. He advised and represented clients on energy, utility and environmental matters, including litigation in federal and state courts as well as state public service commissions, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and various permitting boards and commissions.

The mission of The Ohio Manufacturers' Association is to protect and grow Ohio manufacturing.

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