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OMA Asks Ohio Supreme Court to Overturn PUCO's Discriminatory Rate Plan Decision

COLUMBUS, Ohio – The Ohio Manufacturers' Association (OMA) today appealed to the Ohio Supreme Court, urging it to overturn the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio's (PUCO) approval of a data center-specific energy tariff that unfairly discriminates against large energy users and puts Ohio manufacturers at a competitive disadvantage.

"The PUCO has rigged the scales, greenlighting utility discrimination and setting a precedent that could be used to hammer manufacturers and weaken Ohio's economic edge," said Ryan Augsburger, OMA President. "This fight isn't about one tariff. It's about fairness, justice and restoring balance for the future of Ohio manufacturing."

The association maintains that the PUCO's decision is based on overstated and speculative transmission concerns raised by American Electric Power (AEP) and undermines long-standing principles of fair and nondiscriminatory energy policy. The OMA is urging the court to restore balance and protect manufacturers from policies that distort markets, raise costs and undermine investment in Ohio's industrial base.

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The Ohio Manufacturers' Association is Ohio's largest statewide business association comprised solely of manufacturers. Established in 1910, the OMA's mission is to protect and grow Ohio manufacturing. It represents manufacturers of all sizes in every subsector of the industry. Manufacturing is Ohio's largest economic sector, employing approximately 690,000 Ohioans and contributing more than \$133 billion annually to the economy.

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