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Rob McColley
Senate President
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Re: Support for Will-Power Project Socrates South Generation Site No. 25-0185-EL-BLN

Dear Members of the Ohio Power Siting Board,

I am writing to express my support for the Will-Power Project Socrates South Generation Site, which proposes development and construction of a 200-megawatt natural gas simple cycle power generation facility at an existing industrial site in Licking County.

This state-of-the-art natural simple cycle power generation facility, developed and operated by Williams Company, represents an important step in meeting the growing electric demand and significantly boost the local economy through job creation and investment. The project promises to bring significant economic benefits to the area. This investment will supply approximately \$1.5 billion into the local economy, enhancing job opportunities, and contributing to the overall economic vitality of Licking County.

Project Socrates is a critical infrastructure project that will help meet electricity demands, furthermore, fostering job creation and strengthening the region's industrial capabilities. The construction phase will create 1,000 temporary jobs, while 40 full-time operational positions will become permanent once the facility is operational. The natural gas facility will be behind the meter, meaning it will not impact ratepayers, and it will provide a reliable and efficient energy source for local consumers.

Given the importance of this project for both energy security and economic growth, I support the approval of the Will-Power Project Socrates South Generation Site as the development of this facility will have a positive and lasting impact on Ohio's energy landscape, workforce, and economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert McColley".

President Rob McColley

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