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The Honorable Adam Holmes
Chairman, House Energy Committee
Ohio House of Representatives
77 South High Street, 13th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: TC Energy Supportive Testimony Regarding House Bill 15

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

We applaud you for considering House Bill 15, which will send a clear message that the State of Ohio supports the expansion of energy infrastructure investment. TC Energy supports House Bill 15, as it currently appears before the House Energy Committee.

In Ohio, TC Energy's Columbia Gas Transmission, Crossroads, and ANR Pipeline systems span nearly 5,000 miles of gas transmission lines across the state. In the 2023 tax year, TC Energy paid over one-hundred sixty million dollars in property taxes in Ohio alone for these pipeline systems.

Our pipeline systems are regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and operate on regulated rates and tariffs. As part of those regulated rates, our company provides the regulator with a cost of service to be recovered in our rates. Property taxes are included in that cost of service. If property taxes are reduced on our pipeline systems, those savings would be passed along to consumers through the ratemaking process.

Reducing the pipeline company property assessment ratio, as House Bill 15 does, would reduce taxes on new taxable property that is a part of TC Energy's efforts to maintain and improve its current pipeline systems. These savings would be passed on to residential, commercial, industrial, electric production, and other customers.

Thank you for allowing TC Energy to offer supporting testimony on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roman D. Stauffer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Roman" being the most prominent.

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