



Ferroglobe

Advancing Materials Innovation

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RE: Testimony before the Ohio House Senate Energy Committee regarding Senate Bill 2 ("SB 2")

Honorable Members,

I write today to express my concern around SB 2 and some of its important amendments. Ferroglobe operates a large, industrial manufacturing facility in Beverly, OH with more than 200 employees, producing silicon metal and silicon-based alloys. The company has operated at this same location for over 70 years, and is, annually, one of the largest consumers of electricity in the AEP territory. Beverly is the headquarters for the US operations of Ferroglobe consisting of (4) manufacturing facilities in (3) states as well as raw-material support operations in Kentucky, Alabama, and South Carolina.

Two amendments were added to Sub. SB 2 to continue two interruptible programs that are currently part of the ESP statute. The continuation of these programs is vitally important to the economic vitality of our operations. Ferroglobe currently participates in AEP's IRP-Legacy program and has been a participant in the utility-based interruptible program for many decades. This program provides valuable credits in exchange for our ability to interrupt large amounts of load in as little 10-minutes for grid reliability. This program was recently used on two different occasions in 2022 due to severe weather conditions, and just by Ferroglobe interrupting its operation the equivalent of 60,000 homes can be maintained without the fear of blackouts, brownouts, or interruptions.

Ferroglobe operates in other jurisdictions, all of which have utility-based interruptible programs. It is extremely important that these programs be maintained for Ohio in order to keep its overall electricity rates competitive with not only our sister plants in the US, but also with our sister facilities internationally.

It is also important to note that Ferroglobe is currently considering the largest expansion plan in its history in the US and our Beverly, OH site is one that is strongly being considered for this expansion. Maintaining the interruptible program and transmission pilot program will be vital for this project to occur in Ohio.

In conclusion, I ask that you pass SB 2 with the programs as drafted in the Substitute Bill last week.

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