

Proponent Testimony for Substitute House Bill 317 Kathleen McManus – Nationwide Energy Partners Ohio House Public Utilities Committee

Chairman Hoops, Vice Chairwoman Ray, Ranking Member Smith, and members of the House Public Utilities Committee. My name is Kathleen McManus, and I am the Government and Regulatory Affairs Specialist for Nationwide Energy Partners. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of House Bill 317. Nationwide Energy Partners is an innovative energy solutions company, partnering with property developers, owners, and managers to create better energy service experiences for multifamily properties throughout Ohio.

As an Ohio company, we are supportive of this legislation because it will provide certainty and timelines around EDU rate cases. The firm timelines established for the life of each Competitive Power Plan provide greater certainty and structure for the process. A set lifetime for a CPP will help to ensure that Ohio continues to develop a modern and fair energy future.

As an energy advisor and provider of energy technologies to multifamily companies, we look forward to continuing to support improvements to Ohio energy policy and creating certainty within the regulatory and planning process.

We would like to thank the bill's sponsor, Representative Wilkin, for working with interested parties on this piece of legislation.

We encourage the committee to support and pass Sub HB 317. Thank you allowing me to testify today, I would be more than happy to answer questions.

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