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To: Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Attn: Docketing Division 180 E. Broad St. Columbus, OH 43215

From: James M. Williams Sr. 2479 Lawrence Ave. Toledo, OH 43620

Dear P.U.C.O.:

I'm writing you to indicate my vehement opposition to First Energy Case # 08-935-EL-SSO and Case # 08-936-EL-SSO. I'm submitting my written comments since a prior commitment out of town won't allow me to be in attendance at the October 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing in Toledo. First Energy/Toledo Edison has sustained some of the highest electric rates in the state for many years. Toledo has the highest electric rates in the state of Ohio and many parts of the country. With a faltering economy and Lucas county's high unemployment rate, an increase in the electric rate would be an unbearable burden! It's not like this company hasn't made an adequate profit over the years. I strongly believe that First Energy/Toledo Edison ought to make a better effort of making internal financial cuts to avert the need to seek an utility increase. I believe if this increase is allowed, the consequences will have adverse effects on our city. Inevitably, there will be a continuing pattern of people leaving the city and an increase of criminal activity in our community. I thank you in advance for hearing and sharing my comments.

Sincerely,

James M. Williams Sr.