



The Village of **WHITEHOUSE**

October 9, 2008

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

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Re: Case No. 08-935-EL-SSO

Dear Docketing Division:

Please consider the following facts during your upcoming PUCO rate hearing.

First Energy is proposing a 15.32% increase over the next three (3) years. Northwest Ohio's electrical rates are already the highest in the State. The proposed rate increase for Toledo Edison customers is higher than for any other First Energy market. First Energy reported a 1.8 billion dollar profit last year.

Our state is experiencing a fifteen (15) year high for unemployment. Public schools and municipalities are struggling financially and such an electrical rate increase will only worsen the situation.

We ask for a responsible rate setting decision that thoroughly considers economic factors and the interest of public and private energy consumers in Ohio.

Sincerely,

Angela J. Kuhn
Mayor

Debby S. Curry
President of Council

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