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To the members of First Energy,

PUCO

Enclosed is an article from the Toledo Blade, I have sent it along because I Truly agree with the plea.

I am one of the Joe the Plumber people, I am a widow on a fixed income and I have asked myself through out all the raises you people hand off to us, and wonder WHY? Why does it have to be at the expense if consumers like me? Sounds Like you agree with the Obama man, you want to spread the wealth around, Only its just between your investors.

I know business has no heart, but common sense will tell you, you are strangling the ones who are hurting the most. I beg you to give us a break for a change. Maybe you'll feel good about your generosity. Give it a try

I know I speak for thousands of fixed income people, not to mention the people That work their tails off and turn around and have to give it to the utility company..

I am ashamed of the so called PUCO committee, when have they helped us?

Please think about giving us all a well needed break for a change.

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# FirstEnergy shouldn't raise rates

I read with great interest the guest column of Oct. 11 written by FirstEnergy President of Ohio Operations Jim Murray. I respect Mr. Murray and his opinions. FirstEnergy is a strong supporter of our community.

When Davis-Besse was built, consumers were promised that it would lead to lower electric rates for our region. That has not happened. In fact, FirstEnergy residential and commercial rates are consistently among the highest in the state and nation.

In 2003, FirstEnergy's net income was \$444 million; in 2004, \$907 million; in 2005, \$879 million; in 2006, \$1.25 billion; and in 2007, \$1.3 billion. In the past five years profits totaled \$4.7 billion dollars. The fact of the matter is that FirstEnergy is making huge profits. It is time for the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to recognize that private corporations have a responsibility to their customers too, and as long as FirstEnergy is making record profits, it is unfair to burden the ratepayers of Toledo with higher electrical rates.

When was the last time that PUCO ever turned down FirstEnergy for a rate increase? With record profits, why do they need a rate increase, and why can't they reduce our rates? Historically, our electric service has been excellent, so why does the company need to invest \$1 billion dollars in capital improvements to improve reliability?

In closing, I urge consumers to voice their opinions, in writing, on this extremely important matter. You can do so by sending your comments to: