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

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Re: FirstEnergy Electric Rate Increase on January 1, 2009

Dear Public Utilities Commission of Ohio;

As Mayor of the Village of Middlefield, Geauga County Ohio, I and on behalf of the Middlefield Village Council, ask for your help to curb unreasonable rate increases proposed by FirstEnergy Corporation. Electric rates in Northern Ohio are the highest in the state and amongst the highest in the nation. In these tough economic times, Ohioans simply cannot afford to award even higher record profits to FirstEnergy. We hereby request that;

- 1. FirstEnergy Solutions continue the NOPEC generation discount after January 1, 2009 until a new NOPEC generation supply can start.***
- 2. The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio adopt NOPEC's recommendations in the FirstEnergy "Electric Security Plan" case to eliminate the 1 cent/kwh rider for NOPEC customers and to eliminate or establish a credit for NOPEC customers for the proposed generation deferral to allow for NOPEC to provide generation to our residents starting next year.***
- 3. Prevent FirstEnergy from making excessive profits at the expense of economically challenged hard working Ohioans.***

As representatives of our community, we ask for your help on these three issues that directly impact not only our community but all consumers of electric energy in Ohio.

Sincerely

William Poole  
Mayor, Village of Middlefield

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