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**THE VILLAGE OF MIDDLEFIELD**  
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December 23, 2008

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

Re: FirstEnergy Electric Rate Increase on January 1, 2009

Dear Public Utilities Commission of Ohio;

Middlefield Village Council asks 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.

As a representative of our community, we ask for your help on this issue.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel A. Weir".

Daniel A. Weir  
Village Administrator

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**RESOLUTION 08-17  
(Revised 12/16/08)**

**A RESOLUTION THAT THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO ("PUCO")  
PREVENT FIRSTENERGY FROM MAKING EXCESSIVE PROFITS AT THE  
EXPENSE OF HARD-WORKING OHIOANS,  
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

WHEREAS, the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council("NOPEC") is a regional council of governments under Ohio law comprised of 126 member Ohio municipalities, counties and townships in eight (8) Northeast Ohio counties; and

WHEREAS, NOPEC currently operates governmental energy aggregation purchasing program for electricity and natural gas and has arranged for the electric generation supply for about 40,000 retail electricity consumers whose distribution service is provided by The Cleveland Illuminating Company and Ohio Edison Company, both FirstEnergy Corporation companies; and

WHEREAS, NOPEC's customers currently all take SSO service from the Ohio Edison Company and Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and are captive customers of FirstEnergy; and

WHEREAS, this community is a member of NOPEC; and

WHEREAS, FirstEnergy has filed applications with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") to establish an electric security plan and market rate offer as provided for in Amended Substitute Senate Bill 221; and

WHEREAS, FirstEnergy refuses to extend the current NOPEC generation discount from December 31, 2008 until FirstEnergy's permanent electric rate plan is approved by PUCO; and

WHEREAS, FirstEnergy's refusal to extend the current NOPEC generation discount until FirstEnergy's permanent electric rate plan is approved by the PUCO, means that our residents will lose the current 5% NOPEC generation discount beginning January 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, losing the current 5% NOPEC generation discount in these troubling and unstable financial times will result in undue hardship for our residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the Village of Middlefield, County of Geauga, and State of Ohio, that:**

**SECTION 1.** That the PUCO request FirstEnergy to continue and/or extend the NOPEC generation discount from December 31, 2008 until FirstEnergy's permanent rate plan is approved; and


**SECTION 2.** That the PUCO adopt NOPEC's recommendations in the FirstEnergy Electric Security Plan case to eliminate the 1 cent/kwh minimum default service rider for NOPEC customers; and

**SECTION 3.** That the PUCO eliminate or establish a credit for NOPEC customers for the proposed generation deferral to allow NOPEC to provide generation services to our residents after January 1, 2009; and

**SECTION 4.** That the PUCO prevent FirstEnergy from making excessive profits at the expense of hard-working Ohioans; and

**SECTION 5.** This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, due to the need to support NOPEC in keeping the 5% NOPEC generation for our resident after FirstEnergy's December 31, 2008 deadline. Therefore, this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

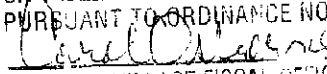
PASSED this 18 Day of DECEMBER, 2008

  
MAYOR

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PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

ATTEST:

  
FISCAL OFFICER

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING  
ORDINANCE NO. 08-17 WAS DULY POSTED  
ON THE 19 DAY OF DECEMBER 2008  
PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 293.  
  
VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER