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The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Docketing Department
180 East Broad Street
Columbus OH 43215

Re: Progressive Plastics, Inc., Case 080935-EL-SSO, First Energy Acct. 110022599499

We are an industrial plastic bottle manufacturer in northern Ohio that is feeling the results of higher power costs due to not having the ability to negotiate an electrical power contract with our service provider, First Energy. We ask you for assistance.

Our company has been in business since 1966, at one time employing 500 people. We have worked closely with First Energy for the last 20 years on programs to decrease our electrical costs so that we can stay competitive with the products that we manufacture for our Fortune 500 customers.

As the years go by, the energy savings programs are becoming scarce. On a yearly basis we spend \$1.3 million on electrical power to operate our business. For our business year in 2009 we have already determined that our power costs will increase over \$100,000 due to various power savings that were stipulated in our contract with First Energy. That contract has now expired, as of December 31, 2008.

At this point, we do not have a good understanding as to what our electrical power costs will be in 2009 under the Large General Service Rate Schedule. Our First Energy representative cannot give us accurate information on our electrical power rates because the kilowatt per hour rate schedule has not been established. The lack of this information cripples our ability to develop a realistic operating budget for 2009 for this expense.

The monopolistic negotiation process with First Energy has been going on for months and has now put our business in a precarious situation due to business uncertainties.

I ask that the P.U.C.O. arbiter for Progressive Plastics, Inc. with First Energy to receive this critical information. Please contact me at 216-252-5595, ext. 237 to discuss our electrical costs by phone or to arrange an in-person meeting.

Sincerely,

Jerry Litchney
Director, Manufacturing Engineering

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