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Memorandum

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Re: Daniel Papcun
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Notes: I have been a homeowner of an all electric home since 1974. We would've never built this home if we would've known that down the road, our all electric grandfathered rate would be rescinded. How do you expect homeowners (especcially in this economy) to pay electric bills that are two to three times the amount they used to be? I understand that the special rates have now been reinstated. However, I want to know if they will be reinstated retroactively back to Jun 09 (when we first noticed our grandfathered rate had been revoked). And I want to impress upon you that this reinstatement can not be just temporary, but it must be made permanent. The electric company specifically pursued builders back in the 70's and 80's (and perhaps beyond) to build all electric homes. They enticed these builders and the buyers who bought these homes, with a special rate as long as the homeowners owned their homes and agreed to certain stipulations. Well we abided by these stipulations and now they are pulling the rug out from under us. It is reprehensible to try to revoke these rates. When these homes were built, we didn't seek them out to demand special rates for all electric homes. No, it was they who sought after us to purchase and build these homes. And we did so trusting that the promise made of the special rate would be abided by, as long as we owned our homes and met the stipulations. We held to our part of the agreement. Is it too much to ask that they abide by their part??? Increasing the rates would now make these homes unmarketable. Who would purchase a home if the monthly electric bill was the same, or maybe even more, than the mortgage? I besiege you to do the right thing and force First Energy to permanently reinstate our all electric home rate and reimburse us for the many months at the higher rates. And please don't let First Energy deceive you into thinking that we are like a leech, sucking up the profits and forcing other users to pay for our share. This is not true. In the summer months, the usage is always higher due to air conditioning. However, in the winter months, electric usage falls. It is us, the all electric homeowners, who keep First Energy at capacity during the lean winter months. So it's a two-way street. Yes, we are getting a good rate when our discount is applied. But we are helping First Energy too. Without us, they would see an even deeper plunge in winter usage. Would it benefit First Energy if these all electric homes converted to gas? No, not at all! So then why are they turning their backs on us and nearly forcing us to do just that? If the grandfathered rate is not permanently restored, many homeowners, who are able, will convert to gas. It will be out of necessity - their only option. And for those who can not convert, my heart goes out to them. It would be irresponsible and unethical of First Energy to not permanently restore the grandfathered rates to those homeowners, who for years have kept their part of the agreement. Now it's up to First Energy uphold theirs! Thank You!

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