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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 E. Broad St. Columbus, OH 43215

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Re: First Energy Case #10-176-EL-ATA

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Timothy J. DeGeeter State Representative, 15th House District

February 26, 2010

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Dear Terry,

I have been working with state and local officials from the City of Parma, including Mayor Dean DePiaro and Law Director Tim Dobeck, concerning your plight as "all electric" customers of First Energy. We completely understand that the climination of your deep discount for electricity has caused a tremendous hardship on you and your families. Please permit this letter to serve as an update to the actions being taken by the Legislature, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), and others, to offer relief to your families.

On February 12, 2010, at the urging of the Governor, First Energy submitted a revised plan which would restore approximately 80% of your discount effective April 1st. This modified plan does call for the gradual elimination of this discount over eight (8) years. According to the modified plan, First Energy will not offer the discounts retroactively, but prospectively, again commencing April $\mathbf{1}^{\mathrm{E}}$. The PUCO is currently reviewing the company's proposal and must approve its application before any changes take effect. If you would like to submit a letter to go on record for this case, I have enclosed a form letter for your convenience that indicates the case number and mailing address, so you can mail it directly to the PUCO for their consideration.

The Consumer Protections and Affairs Committee of the Ohio House of Representatives recently held a bearing to get the public input on the hardships created by the elimination of the discount. I was appointed by the Speaker of the House to sit as a member on the committee purposely for the opportunity to be involved with this issue. A number of individuals tostified, in addition to the PUCO and the Ohio Consumers'

The resolution of the elimination of the discount is unfolding. To date, there have been a number of public meetings in Northeast Ohio and there have been discussions of additional committee hearings. Also, there has been a lawsuit against First Energy filed in Geauga County. Every day there are new developments.

If you have access to email and would be willing to provide your email address, I will keep you updated on any new developments as they occur. If you are interested in receiving updates and information on possible upcoming hearings and meetings in our zrea, please email me at timothy.degeeter@ohr.state.oh.us.

Please don't hesitate to contact my office for any questions or information pertaining to the First Energy rate increases or if I can be of assistance on any other matter. I look forward to continuing to work to provide a satisfactory resolution for you and your families.

Sincerely.

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