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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Docketing Division Case: 10-0388-EL-SSO 180 E. Broad Street, 13th Floor Columbus, OH 43215-3793

RE: FirstEnergy's recent electric security plan (ESP) case

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To Whom It May Concern:

FirstEnergy filed the case on March 23, 2010, in what was a closed door session with the PUCO, and has requested the expedited approval by the PUCO by May 5, 2010. As this type of case is ordinarily allowed two hundred and seventy-five days before a decision is issued, it does raise the question of whether the expediency will hinder efforts by other parties to participate in the case.

This effort on the part of FirstEnergy follows an elimination of the all-electric rate filing (recently reversed after consumer outcry), and a CF light bulb fiasco, wherein the utility was going to charge customers an incredibly inflated price for the bulbs, as well as a fee for the electricity they would have sold customers if they did not use the bulbs!

The PUCO must engage in more transparent negotiations with FirstEnergy. As a consumer with an all-electric house, I question the impartiality of the PUCO, and wonder if instead of serving the citizens of Ohio, it is primarily serving FirstEnergy.

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