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State Representatives

Ohio House Districts 99 and 62

March 31, 2010

Chairman Alan R. Schriber
The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 E. Broad St.
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Schriber:

As you are aware, FirstEnergy recently filed a stipulated Electric Security Plan (ESP) on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 with the PUCO, establishing a wholesale competitive bid process that would determine generation rates charged to the company's consumers from June 2011 through May 2014.

Among the additional requests included in FirstEnergy's second ESP is the ability to adjust rates quarterly in order to collect up to \$390 million in distribution charges, ultimately increasing monthly bills. FirstEnergy's new proposal more than doubles the initial \$137 million in distribution rate increases from FirstEnergy approved by PUCO in 2009. In a difficult time for residential consumers who already struggle to sustain their current distribution charges, First Energy's new filing and its potential impact on our constituents causes great concern.

Ohio's electricity law authorizes PUCO up to 275 days to thoroughly review and consider any presented security plan. It is our understanding, however, that PUCO has agreed to approve FirstEnergy's most recent ESP proposal, which includes the new distribution charges, by Wednesday, May 5, 2010. Due to the significance this ruling holds to our constituencies, this short time frame is simply not enough to allow PUCO, the Ohio Consumers' Counsel, and the public to fully participate in the review process.

On behalf of our constituents, we would like to state our opposition to PUCO Case No. 10-388-EL-SSO and request that PUCO carefully consider the negative impact it will have on consumers with a full and thorough review process.

Thank you for your consideration on this critical issue, we look forward to your timely response and future discussion.

Sincerely,

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Rep. Deborah Newcomb
Ohio House of Representatives
District 99

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Rep. Lorraine M. Fende
Ohio House of Representatives
District 62