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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
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Memorandum

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Re: John Davis
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Docketing Case No: 10-0176-EL-ATA

Notes: I have an all electric home and I think what Ohio Edison has done with our rates is not keeping with their promise of 35 years ago. They have a monopoly and we as consumers have no alternative, something should be done to control them.

By eliminating the all-electric rate program which was guaranteed in writing, First Energy has committed a breach of contract. First Energy has used many creative tactics to justify this breach, such as trying to encourage conservation and the "unfairness" of the gas/electric users supposedly subsidizing the all-electric customer. First Energy has yet to prove any of these reasons for eliminating the all-electric rate program. The fact is that First Energy used the all-electric customer for as long as it benefited them, and then they simply dumped them! It's time to re-regulate First Energy!

Note: To be filed in the docket for Case No. 10-176-EL-ATA, the all-electric case

I have an all electric home and I think what Ohio Edison has done with our rates is not keeping with their promise of 35 years ago. They have a monopoly and we as consumers have no alternative, something should be done to control them. What needs to be done is to have these Permanent Solution Requirements put in place: 1) A permanent, all-electric rate differential/discount for nine months of the year for generation and distribution. The rate differential should be equivalent to the pre-2007 "declining rate" structure. During the summer months of June, July, and August, the all-electric customer would pay the standard residential rate which will help conserve energy and put them on the same terms with the gas/electric customer who also depends on electricity to cool their homes. 2) The all-electric discount must be attached to the HOME and not the OWNER. This will allow the homeowner to be able to sell their home in the future or rent their home without losing the discount. The discount would only be lost once the house is destroyed. If this is not done, the all-electric home becomes un-sellable and the loss of property value to homeowners will be significant. With 106,000 all-electric homes in Ohio, denying the discount to future owners will create a brand new and highly undesirable real estate crisis that Ohio cannot afford to let happen to its economy. 3) The all-electric discount must be given to EVERY all-electric HOME. Currently, any home sold after Jan 1, 2007 lost the discount for the new owner. Also, any home experiencing an account name change at First Energy after Jan 1, 2007 due to divorce, renters, etc. has lost the discount. Furthermore, any homes after Jan 1, 2007 that installed the necessary all-electric equipment to qualify for the all-electric discount have also been excluded. All of these houses which are currently excluded from the

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temporary reinstatement must be included in the permanent solution. 4) The discounted rates made to load management and water heating customers must also be honored. 5) First Energy MUST NOT raise the rates of other customers to pay for the all-electric, load management, and water heating discounts. If losses are to be incurred, First Energy should take the losses from stockholder profits since it was their breach of promise/poor business planning that caused the problem. 6) Overcharges made by First Energy between May 2009 and March 2010 must be refunded in full. My complaint can be referenced to Case No. 10-176-EL-ATA and should be filed in the docket.

I understand that on April 15, the PUCO made a ruling that clarified the order by including more properties and stating that the rate relief would be in effect at minimum until the end of the 2011 winter heating season. This is not enough on this issue, it needs to be resolved permanently since First Energy promised in writing 35 years ago that all electric homes would receive a permanent discount. Below is what I feel should be done.

Permanent Solution Requirements

- 1) A permanent, all-electric rate differential/discount for nine months of the year for generation and distribution. The rate differential should be equivalent to the pre-2007 "declining rate" structure. During the summer months of June, July, and August, the all-electric customer would pay the standard residential rate which will help conserve energy and put them on the same terms with the gas/electric customer who also depends on electricity to cool their homes.
- 2) The all-electric discount must be attached to the HOME and not the OWNER. This will allow the homeowner to be able to sell their home in the future or rent their home without losing the discount. The discount would only be lost once the house is destroyed. If this is not done, the all-electric home becomes un-sellable and the loss of property value to homeowners will be significant. With 106,000 all-electric homes in Ohio, denying the discount to future owners will create a brand new and highly undesirable real estate crisis that Ohio cannot afford to let happen to its economy.
- 3) The all-electric discount must be given to EVERY all-electric HOME. The April 15 ruling added to the rate relief homes, condos, and apartments acquired after Jan 1, 2007 as long as the property had previously received the discount. Likewise, any property experiencing an account name change at FirstEnergy after Jan 1, 2007 due to divorce, renters, etc. is now included in the rate relief. New all-electric homes built after April 1, 2006 and existing homes that converted their heating equipment to all-electric after April 1, 2006 ARE EXCLUDED from rate relief.
- 4) The discounted rates made to load management and water heating customers must also be honored.
- 5) First Energy MUST NOT raise the rates of other customers to pay for the all-electric, load management, and water heating discounts. If losses are to be incurred, First Energy should take the losses from stockholder profits since it was their breach of promise/poor business planning that caused the problem.
- 6) Overcharges made by First Energy between May 2009 and March 2010 must be refunded in full. This should be filed in the docket for Case No. 10-176-EL-ATA.

John Davis

Please docket the attached in the case number above.