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2	Commission of Ohio has assigned for public	2	March 23, 2010, FirstEnergy filed with the
3	hearing at this time and place. Case No.	3	Commission an application along with the signed
4	10-388-EL-SSO, being captioned in the matter of	4	agreement among several parties to establish
5	the application of Ohio Edison, the Cleveland 18:08:41	5	its next Electric Security plan, and this plan 18:10:46
6	Electric Illuminating Company, and the Toledo	6	is commonly called an ESP Plan. And this will
7	Edison Company for authority to establish a	7	be for the supply and pricing of electric
8	standard service offer pursuant to section	8	service from June 1, 2011 through May 31, 2014.
9	4928.143 of the Revised Code in the form of an	9	Electric generation rates under the new plan
10	Electric Security Plan. 18:08:57	10	would again be determined through a competitive 18:11:03
11	My name is Kim Bojko and with me	11	bid process, conducted by an independent bid
12	this evening is commissioner Centolella and	12	manager, as it was done in the companies' last
13	Beth Trombold. I am one of the attorney	13	Electric Security Plan. And under the proposed
14	examiners that has been assigned to preside	14	ESP, FirstEnergy's base distribution rates
15	over this proceeding. And I also presided over 18:09:09	15	would remain frozen through May 31, 2014. The 18:11:18
16	the evidentiary hearing in Columbus that	16	company would also establish a mechanism in
17	occurred last week and lasted approximately	17	2012 to recover improvements to the company's
18	it lasted four days of hearing from numerous	18	distribution system. And this cost recovery
19	witnesses on this case.	19	would be subject to quarterly filings and
20	But at the hearing tonight, we are 18:09:22	20	annual audits by the commission. FirstEnergy 18:11:32
21	going to hear from you. There are	21	would also continue to promote economic
22	representatives from the company here and there	22	development, job retention, energy efficiency,
23	are representatives from interveners, but	23	conservation and low-income programs.
24	tonight, this is the opportunity to hear from	24	As has been stated this evening,
25	you. So if you have a question other than the 18:09:33	25	there have been eight local public hearings 18:11:47
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4 will ask for your name and address for the	4 and you can also note if you support the
5 record. You must state it clearly so the court 18:12:59	5 application before us. If you would like to 18:15:05
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8 considered part of the official record of the	8 leave, or if you just are in agreement with
9 case, and it will be reviewed, as Commissioner	9 everybody else, what they said, and you feel
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11 commissioners, not just him here tonight, but	11 fine as well, just go ahead and sign. And your
12 will be reviewed by the other four	12 name will be part of the official record in
13 commissioners, as well as the examiners that	13 this case that either opposes or supports the
14 will be making the decision in the case. The	14 proposal that's before us tonight.
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16 vote that was explained to you.	16 and I am unable to answer any substantive of
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22 ask you questions, on the record, about your	22 representatives that are here as well as the
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5	LORRAINE FENDE, of lawful age,	5	its customers over two and a half years. 18:19:26
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8	MS. BOJKO; Please state your name	8	and the return on capital investments made to
9	and address for the record.	9	this electric distribution system. These costs
10	MS. FENDE: It's State 18:17:17	10	have not been carefully reviewed. There has 18:19:43
11	Representative Lorraine Fende. 372 East 328th	11	been no determination that they are just,
12	Street, Willowick, Ohio, 44095. And before I	12	reasonable or prudent. This is the big
13	start my testimony, I want to thank everybody	13	problem, as my constituents could be paying
14	for coming this evening and welcome you to the	14	FirstEnergy for expenses that are unnecessary
15	62nd District. 18:17:32	15	and that they cannot afford. 18:19:57
16	I'm testifying today to oppose	16	I especially think this proposal is
17	FirstEnergy's Electric Security Plan	17	a problem because of the results of the last
18	application and stipulations.	18	distribution rate case. In 2007, FirstEnergy
19	On March 23, 2010, FirstEnergy	19	requested an annual distribution rate increase
20	filed an application Case No. 10-388-EL-SSO 18:17:44	20	of about \$340 million. After the application 18:20:10
21	along with the stipulation agreement to set its	21	was fully studied, PUCO granted less than half
22	generation rates under an Electric Security	22	of the percentages requested by rate increase.
23	Plan known as the ESP.	23	At the end of the process, FirstEnergy was
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25	delivery or distribution charges as well as 18:18:01	25	customers, not the initial 340. This is a 18:20:27
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11	enforce this principle to protect Ohioans.	11	Deborah Newcomb, 392 Residence Street,	
12	Under the agreement, several organizations have	12	Conneaut, Ohio. I'm a state representative for	
13	struck deals with FirstEnergy related to its	13	Ashtabula, for Northern Trumbull County, 99th	
14	economic development and job retention. While	14	District of Ohio. And I will provide a written	
15	I wholeheartedly support economic development, 18:22:28	15	copy to the court reporter after my testimony.	18:24:26
16	I am hard-pressed to ask my constituents to pay	16	MS. BOJKO: Thank you.	
17	for these investments without assurances that	17	MS. NEWCOMB: I am here today to	
18	the benefits will follow. This should be	18	express my concerns regarding the recent filing)
19	addressed in a separate proceeding.	19	of FirstEnergy's Electric Security Plan and its	
20	If FirstEnergy wants to expand 18:22:41	20	potential impact on many residents in my	18:24:36
21	their sales in our area, they should contribute	21	communities.	
22	to the funding of this economic development	22	Senate Bill 221 just passed in	
23	from their shareholders' money, not my	23	2008, by a large bi-partisan margin, to ensure	
24	constituents'. Thank you for your time.	24	electricity price stabilization, modernize	
25	And I would like to reiterate my 18:22:51	25	energy efficiency standards, encourage future	18:24:49
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1	concerns for my constituents or customers of	1	economic development in advanced energy and	20 I naw
2	FirstEnergy. They simply cannot afford these	2	technologies, and provide accountability and	T I ICHY
3	rate increases. And I strongly urge the PUCO	3	transparency provisions for utility customers	
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2	understand that the competitive bidding process	2	And I thank you for your time.	
3	is the best cost-savings measure for	3	MR. CENTOLELLA: Thank you.	
4	FirstEnergy customers, and investment in local	4	MS. BOJKO: Thank you. Senator	
5	economic development is critical to the 18:26:08	5	Grendell. Sir, could you please raise your	
6	Northeast Ohio region, the approval of this	6	right hand.	
7	plan, as presented, could negatively impact	7	TIMOTHY J. GRENDELL, of lawful age,	
8	customers who are already struggling during	8	having been first duly sworn, testified as	
9	this tough economic situation and further	9	follows:	
10	impact their ability to pay monthly electric 18:26:23	10	MS. BOJKO: Please state your name	18:28:36
11	bills.	11	and address for the record.	
12	The bidding process, I know, is	12	MR. GRENDELL: Timothy J. Grendell,	
13	fast approaching and that is the reason for the	13	G-r-e-n-d-e-H. 7413 Tattersall,	
14	expedited PUCO ruling on the stipulated plan.	14	T-a-t-t-e-r-s-a-I-I, Drive, Chesterland, Ohio,	
15	However, with most recent experiences with 18:26:32	15	44026. 18:28:48	
16	FirstEnergy, the PUCO and over 4,000	16	MS. BOJKO: Please proceed.	
17	all-electric homeowners in my district, I	17	MR. GRENDELL: Thank you. First of	
18	believe fast-tracking this review process could	18	all, let me thank everyone for coming to the	
19	prove to be irresponsible and yield unintended	19	18th Senate District, because you're also in	
20	consequences. This ruling holds a great 18:26:48	20	the 18th Senate District. And thank you PUCO	18:28:57
21	significance to my area and my communities and	21	for bringing this hearing to the 18th Senate	
22	many FirstEnergy customers. Therefore, I want	22	District.	
23	to ensure that the public, PUCO, the Ohio	23	When Senate Bill 221 was passed,	
24	Consumers' Counsel and FirstEnergy are working	24	the PUCO review of the ESP was a critical	
25	together, thoroughly participating in this 18:27:02	25	component. It was a component to assure that	18:29:11
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4	\$390 million process increase in six weeks.	4	increase had on the all-electric customers just
5	And finally, I would ask FirstEnergy to supply 18:34:42	5	12 short months ago. This increase totaled 18:37:16
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9	more money, which they would have to justify	9	primary justification for this increase. As
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13	ability to raise the cost to these fine folks	13	case 07551 opposing last year's distribution
14	and my constituents throughout my district.	14	rate increase is still open. And on March 18,
15	am troubled by the stipulation of 18:35:08	15	2009, the PUCO granted the Consumers' Counsel a 18:37:53
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18	stipulate in advance are the consumers, are the	18	there's still considerable disagreement weather
19	people who have to pay, who work to take care	19	the last distribution rate increase was even
20	of their families and pay their taxes. They 18:35:22	20	necessary. And yet, FirstEnergy is here asking 18:38:05
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22	to hire the lobbyist, they don't get to sit	22	of the last \$157 million increase was
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2	were scheduled to go down.	2	trust FirstEnergy that they have the best
3	Before this new ESP was proposed,	3	interest of their customers at heart.
4	according to Consumers' Counsel, the average	4	Just hours ago, I spoke at length
5	750-kilowatt customer was scheduled to receive 18:39:42	5	with a very knowledgeable FirstEnergy lawyer, 18:41:54
6	a 10 percent decrease in their bill. However,	6	Jim Burk. He spent a considerable amount of
7	instead of letting our bills go down,	7	time with me, answering my questions about this
8	FirstEnergy is implementing \$300 million of new	8	ESP. I greatly appreciate his time and really
9	riders to replace the ones that we have already	9	wish that I could believe all of the positive
10	paid off and then adding 90 million on top of 18:39:55	10	things he said about this ESP. Well, Jim 18:42:06
11	this.	11	certainty appears to be genuine to me,
12	In addition to the distribution	12	unfortunately FirstEnergy's credibility has
13	system riders, the other new riders include	13	taken a beating in the last six months. Who
14	economic development arrangements that will	14	can forget the elimination of the all-electric
15	cost FirstEnergy customers millions in 18:40:04	15	discount, which actually caused the Consumers' 18:42:22
16	additional charges. For instance, the Ohio	16	Counsel the need to file a declaration of
17	Consumers' the Ohio Energy Group	17	emergency economic emergency. The
18	representing automakers will receive \$8.2	18	government had to intervene and instruct the
19	million, the Ohio Partners for Affordable	19	PUCO to order FirstEnergy to stop what they
20	Energy 15 million, and then Cleveland Clinic 70 18:40:18	20	were doing. So we have serious mistakes that 18:42:37
21	million. While economic development is good,	21	have been made in the last six months, and are
22	the problem with this proposed funding is that	22	we willing to go for another? I'm not.
23	it is solely funded through Ohio customers, not	23	So in closing, I ask the PUCO to
24	FirstEnergy shareholders. Why should Ohio	24	learn from the past mistakes and deny
25	customers fund these projects that will only 18:40:33	25	FirstEnergy's request to approve this proposal 18:42:48
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1	increase FirstEnergy's profit potential? It is	1	on fast track by May 5. The mission of the
2	no surprise that many of these customers came	2	PUCO is to assure all customers access to
3	out early in support of this new ESP that they	3	reliable utility services at fair prices.
4	had negotiated behind closed doors.	4	There is no way that PUCO could fully
5	FirstEnergy is trying to bully its way in 18:40:46	5	understand all the ramifications of this 18:43:05
6	requesting an approval of this ESP in six short	6	complex ESP within the six short weeks.
7	weeks rather than the allowable nine-month	7	Therefore, the PUCO must stand up against
8	process.	8	FirstEnergy's bullying and deny the ESP request
9	The PUCO allows this to happen	9	until such time so that it could be fully
10	if the PUCO allows this to happen, a dangerous 18:40:56	10	imbedded. Thank you. 18:43:19
11	precedent is going to be set that will allow	11	MS. BOJKO: Thank you. Joe Hays.
12	FirstEnergy to request ridiculous shortened	12	If we could hold the applause until the end, I
13	time frames and future filings as well. The	13	think that we can move this along a little
14	timetable allows a full nine months because	14	quicker. There are a lot of people that would
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2	quick points that I would like to make on	2	please.
3	behalf of consumers, of which I happen to be	3	MR. DECICCA: My name is Jerry
4	one.	4	DeCicca. It's spelled, D-e-C-i-c-c-a. My
5	First off, I stand before you to 18:44:22	5	address is 8276 Deepwood Boulevard, Mentor, 18:47:32
6	say that I am standing here in favor of the	6	Ohio.
7	OCC's position with regard to FirstEnergy's	7	My testimony is not going to be as
8	current ESP. And I'm also here in opposition	8	good as some of the others. I have to find my
9	to FirstEnergy's ESP. A couple of points I	9	glasses first. You know, like I said, I live
10	would like to make that are contained within 18:44:45	10	in Deepwood condominiums in Mentor and all 170 18:47:51
11	this proposal is and I'll start with the	11	homes in Deepwood are all-electric with no
12	very best one is the recovery of loss	12	option for natural gas heat.
13	revenues. This has to do with the fact that if	13	For 23 years I worked in the
14	we as consumers happen to somehow be able to	14	electric utility business primarily in the
15	consume less energy, then FirstEnergy is 18:45:04	15	steam generation side and I gained a lot of 18:48:10
16	looking to receive money in lieu of what was	16	respect for their engineering staff that they
17	actually used in electricity. That makes no	17	used. You know, after reading the information
18	sense. If I cut back, I believe FirstEnergy	18	on this Electric Security Plan, the rate plan,
19	should cut back.	19	I wonder if our electric supplier puts more
20	Second, our replacement of the 18:45:22	20	importance on financial scammers than it does 18:48:27
21	current delivery system, I think the current	21	on engineering, and here's why I believe
22	delivery system is just fine. And although	22	this you know, I believe our electric bills
23	this is expiring in 2011, a renewal might be	23	are way too confusing and complicated. You
24	more in order than a replacement.	24	know, the real cost of electric is our total
25	And finally, I don't believe as 18:45:39	25	bill divided by the kilowatts used. My cost is 18:48:43
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3	of my concerns are a result of this	3	were built as the last individual stated
4	deregulation, however it works. You know, in	4	we do I do live on an all-electric street.
5	the old days, our electric supplier loved all 18:50:20	5	no gas lines, no duct work in our homes, no 18:53:07
6	these electric homeowners because we used more	6	furnaces. So it's going to cost us a bundle if
7	electricity during the winter months and kept	7	we want to go to an alternate source. But
8	the plants running. You never heard of a	8	we're not here to discuss the all-electric home
9	brownout in the wintertime. And also, where	9	right now, we're here to discuss ways of
10	did all the extra money go when they dropped 18:50:35	10	controlling our cost. 18:53:24
117	their all-electric rates when they dropped	11	Thirty years ago plus, why did we
12	all-electric rates for last winter? Are we		
13		12	have an abundance of energy? Was it because
1	ever going to get that money back? You know,	13	the Perry Nuclear Plant was coming into
14	as a customer, I want reliable electricity at	14	existence? Was that the reason deals were made
15	the lowest possible cost. You know, 18:50:49	15	for builders to build? Possibly yes. However, 18:53:42
16	electricity is something that's a necessity and	16	since that period of time, the second reactor
17	we can't go out and purchase it like shopping	17	at Perry Nuclear Plant has never been fired up.
18	around like we do for a car. You know, we need	18	How many millions of dollars were spent on the
19	to trust our supplier and our state officials	19	cooling tower? How much of the second reactor
20	that oversee our necessity. And I believe 18:51:03	20	is completed? How much would it take to 18:54:09
21	there is work to be done to establish this	21	complete the rest of the reactor?
22	trust and I hope this rate plan will be	22	Last weekend the paper, Plain
23	revisited. Thank you.	23	Dealer, showed an energy company, I think in
24	MS. BOJKO: Thank you.	24	Columbus like I said, I didn't bring that
25	MR. CENTOLELLA: Thank you. 18:51:15	25	with me tonight because I didn't think I would 18:54:28
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2	these kinds of sacrifices? I don't think so.	2	Clinic, the Industrial Energy Users of Ohio,
3	We got to all learn to live within	3	the Morgan Stanley Capital Group, the Ohio
4	our means. And if they have to downsize, so be	4	Manufacturers' Association, the Ohio Hospital
5	it. And if they want to expand and make more 18:56:29	5	Association, domestic automakers, and the Ohio
6	electricity, I would like to know how much	6	Association of Independent Colleges and
7	money was spent on cooling tower number two,	7	Universities, to name a few. Frivolity aside,
8	how close it is to completion, and if there is	8	I am deeply disturbed by both the procedural
9	a demand out there for more energy, fire it up,	9	and substantive aspects of this case including,
10	cut our costs, don't increase them. Thank you. 18:56:48	10	but not limited to:
111	MS. BOJKO: Connie Kline.	11	The so-called economic development
12	CONNIE KLINE, of lawful age, having	12	arrangements; in other words, the
13	been first duly sworn, testified as follows:	13	multi-million-dollar backroom deal crafted
14	MS. BOJKO: Please state your name	14	between FirstEnergy and the above-mentioned
15	and address for the record. 18:57:29	15	entities as well as other beneficiaries. As 19:00:12
16	MS. KLINE: My name is Connie	16	usual, it appears that residential ratepayers
17	Kline. 38531 Dodds Landing, Willoughby Hills,	17	will shoulder most of the burden of these deals
18	Ohio.	18	and will reap few, if any, benefits.
19	I do have written testimony. I	19	FirstEnergy shareholders will not fund any of
20	guess great minds think alike because much of 18:57:44	20	these deals, Mr. Amr Ibrahim of the Ohio 19:00:26
21	what I have written has already been said.	21	Consumers' Counsel says in his April 5, 2010
22	We'll lighten things up just a little bit, it's	22	testimony, "FirstEnergy states that it shall
23	like a cave in here. It's so dark. First, I	23	collect \$13.7 million from consumers for the
24	will show this to the PUCO because they'll	24	Cleveland Clinic deal, of which \$7.9 million
25	appreciate it. 18:58:05	25	will be collected from residential customers." 19:00:58
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1	You don't remember me, Mr.	1	It's 57 percent. "FirstEnergy shall collect
2	Centolella, but I remember you.	2	\$2.7 million in recovered revenues for the
3	MR. CENTOLELLA: Okay.	3	arrangement offered to the domestic automakers,
4	MS. KLINE: You're actually one of	4	of which \$1.1 or approximately 41 percent will
5	the better Commissioners on the board. 18:58:13	5	be collected from the residential customers." 19:01:20
6	You guys can't see this. I'm going	6	All of these economic development supports
7	to actually leave it right here. There we go.	7	should be reviewed individually in separate
В	Thank you for conducting these public hearings	8	proceedings.
9	and for the opportunity to address the PUCO in	9	The attorney examiner's granting of
10	the matter of FirstEnergy's case 10-388-EL-SSO. 18:58:36	10	FirstEnergy's motion for waiver of rules and 19:01:30
11	I prefer to call it "Utilities Gone Wild."	11	the unprecedented fast-tracking of this case in
12	Perception is sometimes greater	12	six weeks from March 23, 2010 filing date to
13	than reality as illustrated by this famous 1982	13	the May 5 date by which FirstEnergy wants PUCO
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09-906-EL-SSO that "forward market prices for 2 power to be delivered in future years already 3 reflect the market's judgment that electric prices will increase." Further, Mr. Wilson 4 Gonzalez's April 15, 2010, testimony on behalf 5 of the OCC addresses the uncertainty in 6

7 connection with FirstEnergy's switch from the

8 Midwest Independent System Operator, MISO, to

9 the East Coast-based PJM transmission authority

10 in Philadelphia and the possible price risk

11 associated with excessive lead time between a

12 July 2010 auction and the start of actual

13 delivery on June 1, 2011, when the Electric 14

Security Plan will take effect.

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increases in ordinary distribution rates do not fit the description of an increase is absurd." Delivery issues should be handled in a separate

distribution rate case. Collection of lost revenues 19:05:18 proposed in stipulation. These are charges to customers for revenue that a utility is not realized due to implementation of energy efficiency programs and conservation. A recent example of this was FirstEnergy's fiasco "giveaway" compact of fluorescent bulbs that would cost customers quadruple the amount they would pay in stores. FirstEnergy's lost revenue is not capped either by a dollar amount or a time period, which has the potential to cost residential customers tens of millions of dollars and actually cause them to pay more in

17 18 lost revenue collection than they would in

19 energy efficiency programs. In the 1990s, 20 Minnesota's lost revenue program permitted

21 electric utilities to recover more than they

22 actually spent on conservation, which doubled

23 the cost of energy efficiency for ratepayers.

As a result of this, the Minnesota lost revenue 24

25 recovery program was discontinued. As noted in

business decision to switch from MISO to PJM.

The stipulation delivery capital recovery charge Rider DCR, which would permit FirstEnergy to collect \$390 million through quarterly increases over a 30-month period subject only to FirstEnergy's "burden of proof to demonstrate the accuracy of the quarterly filings," which requires considerably less verification and review of the accuracy and reasonableness of these filings than would occur under a separate distribution rate proceeding. FirstEnergy has claimed in various Plain Dealer and News Herald articles that since Rider DCR "replaces an existing rider, in most cases customers wouldn't see any

Page 15 of the stipulation states, "Quarterly Rider DCR will not be an application to increase rates within the meaning of Revised Code 4909.18." In his April 15, 2010 testimony, the OCC's Mr. Gonzalez characterizes FirstEnergy's semantic shenanigans as ridiculous. He said, "The stipulation

additional impact" or "an increase of, only,

provision that proposes that quarterly

1 Mr. Gonzalez's April 15 testimony, Connecticut

2 electric utilities are "only allowed recovery

3 of lost revenues if their earnings are below

4 their allowed rate of return for six months."

5 I know you can't answer any questions, but it's 19:06:40

my understanding that the current rate of 6

7 return is about eight and a half percent.

8 Which is nice. Nice for the company.

9 Apparently, FirstEnergy has also audaciously

demanded assurance that the PUCO will not 10

oppose its purchase of Allegheny Energy in 11

12 Pennsylvania. And FirstEnergy also wants this

13 case approved as a total package, which

presumably means that they do not want the PUCO 14

15 to separate out any parts of the case for

16 denial.

17 Given the rush to resolution

18 imposed by this ridiculously short timeline,

19 it's remarkable that the OCC and other

20 non-signatory -- people that the interveners 19:07:23

21 that didn't sign on the stipulation -- were

22 able to provide such comprehensive valuable

23 testimony. It is incredible that ordinary

24 citizens have submitted testimony; I heartily

commend them. All of you. 25

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1	I support the application for	1	all of the previous people that have spoken.
2	rehearing, filed April 19 by the OCC, Citizen	2	I'm not even going to bring up that my November
3	Power, Environmental Law & Policy Center, the	3	electric bill was \$100, when the equal payment
4	Natural Resources Defence Council, the	4	plan was \$187. I don't know why they reduced
5	Northwest Ohio Aggregation Coalition, the	5	it to 100, but they made up for it in December 19:11:22
6	Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council, and the	6	when my bill was \$438. And then the following
7	Ohio Environmental Council, particularly Part A	7	month was \$440, but I realize that's not part
8	which states, "The PUCO's entry is unreasonable	8	of this meeting. But I will state that I am in
9	and unlawful because it took administrative	9	total agreement with all of the things that
10	notice of the record in the pending Market Rate	10	have been brought up by the previous speakers. 19:11:42
11	Offer Case without any basis in law and thereby	11	Thank you.
12	unlawfully eliminated a portion of	12	MS, BOJKO: Thank you. Connie
13	FirstEnergy's burden of proof,"	13	Luhta. Again, we have approximately 30 people
14	The PUCO should deny this case.	14	that would like to testify, so if we could
15	However, I disagree with the OCC that the PUCO 19:08:22	15	maybe hold the applause until the end, it would 19:12:05
16	should decide the pending MRO Case 09-09-EL-SSO	16	be appreciated. Thank you.
17	instead. The MRO would statutorily mandate	17	CONNIE LUHTA, of lawful age, having
18	due to Senate Bill 221 FirstEnergy	18	been first duly sworn, testified as follows:
19	henceforth use auctions that would not be part	19	MS. LUHTA: My name is Connie
20	of a rate plan submitted and subject to some 19:08:43	20	Luhta, L-u-h-t-a. 12361 Concord Hambden Road, 19:12:20
21	PUCO control. I fear this would expose	21	Concord Township, 44077.
22	ratepayers to potentially volatile wholesale	22	I just want to thank
23	prices without the option of returning to a	23	Representatives Newcomb and Fende and Senator
24	PUCO-negotiated process, as flawed as that	24	Grendell for their testimony. I agree
25	process may be. 19:09:00	25	completely with them and I do support the OCC's 19:12:38
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3	been first duly sworn, testified as follows:	3	many people are here. But the relevance of
4	MS. BOJKO: Please proceed. State	4	that is that we've become a large consumer of
5	your name and address for the record. 19:14:15	5	electric. My house uses probably 6,000 19:17:11
6	MS. MILLER: Kathy Miller, 7191	6	kilowatts in the winter. My sister has an
7	South Meadow Drive, Concord Township, Ohio. 1	7	all-electric house, which is larger than mine;
8	track and report on federal and state	8	she uses approximately 8,000 kilowatts in the
9	health-care legislation and regulations for my	9	winter months. So we are very large our
10	present job. This work has made me keenly 19:14:31	10	family is very large users of power. 19:17:27
11	aware that time frames and deadlines, comment	11	There used to be a rate scheduled
12	periods and the like, are to be respected and	12	called "time of day," which both of us took
13	adhered to. Therefore, I have to say that I	13	advantage of. What was nice there is that we
14	see a big difference between 43 days and the	14	could make decisions about our lifestyle and
15	275 days specified in Ohio Senate Bill 221. I 19:14:52	15	choose when we used our power, and the result 19:17:40
16	urge the PUCO to, at the very minimum, take the	16	would be substantial discounts. But I have
17	time to thoroughly explore and give full and	17	been affected by this recession as everyone
18	careful consideration to FirstEnergy's	18	else has here.
19	proposal.	19	I have been hearing from these
20	As a second point, I would like to 19:15:10	20	people on fixed incomes, I would love to be on 19:17:52
21	impress upon PUCO that caution must be	21	a fixed income. The recession has caused my
22	exercised in raising rates and setting new	22	income to drop by about 30 percent in the last
23	standards. I currently live with my parents	23	couple of years. My electrical usage has gone
24	you just heard from my dad In an	24	down by about 10 percent, but my cost of
25	all-electric home, I might add. And I've seen 19:15:27	25	electricity has gone up by over 120 percent. 19:18:06
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3	encouraging alternative sources of energy, and	3	analogy I can think of was looking at last
4	also encourage hybrid vehicles or plug-in	4	week's lottos. \$390 million would equal
5	vehicles. Part of that is based on premise 19:19:32	5	getting the jackpot in the Mega Millions and 19:21:52
6	that off-peak power will be less expensive.	6	the jackpot in the Powerball at the same time.
7	As I said, FirstEnergy had this	7	An awful lot of money. I thank the commission
8	time of day plan for over 20 years. And did	8	for their time this evening.
9	away with it about two years ago. It's	9	MS. BOJKO: Anita Vichek, and Anne
10	interesting to note that at the same time that 19:19:45	10	Roffe will be on deck. Anita Vlchek. 19:22:09
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12	subsidiary in Pennsylvania started a time of	12	been first duly sworn, testified as follows:
13	day program. It's also interesting to note	13	MS. BOJKO: Could you please state
14	that the FirstEnergy subsidiary in New Jersey	14	and spell your name for the record.
15	currently has a very sophisticated time of day 19:19:58	15	MS. VLCHEK: Anita Vichek, 6298
16	program, where there is a readout in the	16	Dewey Road, Madison, Ohio.
17	individual's home that tells them what this	17	I'm a simple person. I don't have
18	hour's kilowatt cost them. And so the consumer	18	a lot of flowery words. I just have a few
19	can make an informed decision, 24 hours a day,	19	comments. The word "fast track" scares me.
20		ı	The amount of time that FirstEnergy wants this 19:22:57
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21	because it's July and everybody's air	21	pushed through implies to me shadiness and
22	conditioner is on. I'm not going to turn on	22	underhandedness. There's some things wrong
23	the oven. I'm not going to run my clothes	23	about all of this, just based on this time
24	dryer." But at 9 o'clock at night they could	24	thing that FirstEnergy has requested. The
25	look at the same readout and say, "Oh, it's	25	quarterly increase I'm 55 years old, I'm 19:23:19
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2	MS. BOJKO: Thank you. Anne Roffe.	2	energy policies for moderate and low-income
3	MS. ROFFE: Pass.	3	Ohioans." FirstEnergy clearly finds this
4	MS. BOJKO: Richard Huber.	4	classic mission worthy of their \$15 million, so
5	MR. HUBER: Pass. 19:25:06	5	they must support that mission.
6	MS. BOJKO: Gail Larson. Please	6	We ask that any rate plans that the
7	raise your right hand.	7	Public Utility Commission approves, going
8	GAIL LARSON, of lawful age, having	8	forward, include a commitment to provide all
9	been first duly sworn, testified as follows:	9	homeowners of Northeast Ohio affordable
10	MS. BOJKO: Please state your name 19:25:25	ŀ	electric power to our homes based on
11	and address for the record.	11	reasonable, transparent and accountable
12	MS. LARSON: Gail Larson, G-a-i-l,	12	requests for increases. Thank you very much.
13	L-a-r-s-o-n. 3200 State Road, Rock Creek,	13	MS. BOJKO: Pat Sommer. Joe
14	Ohio. I agree with everything that people have	14	Fioriante. I may be mispronouncing it. They
15	said tonight and this is my personal take on 19:25:37	15	live in Deepwood Boulevard. Representative 19:28:21
16	how this situation is affecting our home.	16	Schneider.
17	Our provider is the Illuminating	17	MARK SCHNEIDER, of lawful age,
18	Company owned by FirstEnergy. We own an	18	having been first duly swom, testified as
19	all-electric home which we purchased in 2008.	19	follows:
20	We are currently billed at the standard rate.	20	MS. BOJKO: Please state your name 19:29:08
21	In January 2009, we paid \$445 for 5,215	21	and address for the record.
22	kilowatt hours. In January 2010, we paid \$556	22	MR. SCHNEIDER: My name is Mark
23	for 4,545 kilowatt hours. We used 670 kilowatt	23	Schneider. My address is 8914 Trotter Lane,
24	hours less due to our conservation measures	24	Unit D, Mentor, 44060.
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2	wanting to be a part of this process, and in	2	of paperwork that sometimes these rate plans
3	doing so, creating a more open environment to	3	are spelled out in or when I try to go through
4	discuss these matters.	4	these different bills to figure out the pricing
5	And formally, I would like to thank 19:30:37	5	schemes, I certainty have difficulty in reading 19:33:08
6	so many of my constituents. The constituents	6	through that. And I know if I'm having
7	throughout Lake County in our region for taking	7	difficulty in that regard, the citizens in this
8	part, not only in this evening's process, but	8	room most likely are feeling the same way. I
9	in so many other forums that have taken place	9	can't emphasize enough the importance. And I
10	throughout our state on this issue. 19:30:50	10	get so many calls from constituents and 19:33:23
11	I wanted to speak on behalf of the	11	correspondences from constituents and I meet
12	numerous constituents that I represent in the	12	with constituents at these meetings telling me
13	63rd District, which is comprised of all of	13	that they don't understand how the rate system
14	Mentor and eastern Lake County in the House of	14	works. They can't follow the rate systems or
15	Representatives. And out of these 19:31:03	15	the changes in the rate system and their bills 19:33:35
16	constituents, we recently had approximately	16	are at times unintelligible to them.
17	4,000 homes that were involved in the	17	So I urge and I plead with the
18	all-electric discount. And as such, that	18	Public Utilities Commission that when a finding
19	served as a beginning to start discussing these	19	is made, that we take great efforts on behalf
20	utility issues in the numerous forums that I 19:31:18	20	of these people here today and throughout our 19:33:48
21	tried to present for my constituents.	21	region to do some of the plain-spoken manner
22	And I thought of more than anything	22	that can be interpreted and understood by our
23	else I wanted to make sure that this process	23	citizens to again create a level of
24	was an open one, and that it's an ongoing	24	transparency in this process.
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75 73 customers and they have lost our trust. Why? have -- that in keeping all of these things in mind, if we follow these steps in the process, 2 There are many reasons, some of which are the 2 3 following: 3 then I am sure we will reach a just result and we will do so in a contemplative way, and we 4 One, mismanaging their nuclear 4 will do so in a way that is fair to all, in a 5 power plants, radioactive leaks, fuel failures, 5 6 6 cracks in critical components are common way that -- we can point to someone's future 7 when studying on how to make decisions in the 7 occurrences. 8 8 Two, they bamboozled the state realm of utilities and decisions beyond that in 9 legislature into passing Senate Bill 221. 9 our state government. Three, they conned PUCO into 19:39:01 10 And most of all, I want to thank 19:35:59 10 11 everybody for participating in their state 11 accepting the energy-efficient light bulb 12 government this evening. Thank you. 12 fiasco. Four, they effectively hid the 13 MS. BOJKO: Thank you. 13 14 all-electric rate changes, so far in the MR. CENTOLELLA: Thank you. 14 15 MS. BOJKO: Brian Humphrey. details of their proposal, that neither the 19:39:14 PUCO nor the Ohio Consumers' Counsel knew what 16 MR. HUMPHREY: I'll Pass. 16 17 was happening. 17 MS. BOJKO: Deborah Newcomb. 18 MS. NEWCOMB: I'll pass. 18 Five, FirstEnergy's corporate MS. BOJKO: Fred Schoemia. 19 strategy seems to be to confuse both their 19 20 FRED SCHOEMIG, of lawful age, 20 customers and PUCO with overly complicated 19:39:31 21 corporate structure, proposals to PUCO that 21 having been first duly sworn, testified as 22 22 PUCO can't understand, and very confusing follows: 23 23 electric bills. MS. BOJKO: Please state your name 24 and spell your last name and your address for 24 What's wrong with Electric Security 25 the record please. 25 Plan? First of all, the name. Whose security? 19:39:48 74 76 MR. SCHOENIG: My name is Fred Certainly not ours. We don't understand the 1 Schoenig, S-c-h-o-e-n-i-g. My wife Margaret proposal. I hope that PUCO does. Some issues 2 2 3 and Hive at 12527 Concord Hambden Road in 3 in my mind are the following: the \$390 million 4 Concord Township, 44024. 4 increase is proposed without critical reviews. 5 First of all, I would like to thank 19:37:14 5 Consumers should not be paying for special 19:40:17 economic development deals. Consumers should 6 you for having these hearings. I would like to 6 7 especially thank you for publicizing them. I 7 not be paying for FirstEnergy internal understand there was an all-electric hearing 8 organizational changes and the cost of which. 9 last summer, but neither myself nor many, many 9 Consumers should not be paying for FirstEnergy 10 other people ever knew about it. So thanks for 19:37:29 setting up separate profit centers, whose major 19:40:43 10 11 having this well-publicized. 11 purpose seems to be to confuse their customers 12 My wife and I came to Lake County 12 and PUCO as to what the real cost and profits 13 about 20 years ago, and we moved into an 13 14 all-electric rated home. And at the time we 14 The proposed Electric Security Plan 15 were told by the electric Illuminating Company 19:37:46 15 will increase our all-electric rate, no doubt 19:40:57

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this proposal and they have to encourage

public's confidence and trust. Thank you.

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MS. BOJKO: Tom Waltermire.

TOM WALTERMIRE, of lawful age.

MS. BOJKO: Please state your name

FirstEnergy to take steps to regain the

for less electric.

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January bill this year was almost \$900. That's

about three times higher than it was last year

was an engineering manager for GE Nuclear

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from other speakers. Over the past five years,

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1	MR. WALTERMIRE: Thomas Waltermire,	†	what we're going to do is, we're going to
2	W-a-I-t-e-r-m-i-r-e. I live at 1009 State	2	change this from the regulated portion state
3	Route 45 in Austinburg, Ohio.	3	legislature, I want to do it over into
4	All I want to say is that we have a	4	FirstEnergy Solution, which is unregulated.
5	lot of people here from the state legislation 19:42:08	5	You the ratepayer, the customer, paid for those 19:45:02
6	(sic). You have the authority to deregulate	6	generators. Paid all of them. And what
7	the electric utility company and I would	7	happens? FirstEnergy Solution is now going out
8	believe that you have the right and the to	8	on the open market with the idea that these
9	re-regulate it. I would certainly believe that	9	companies that have started and bought out all
10	we were much better off in the '70s and '80s 19:42:26	10	of these generators to generate electricity, 19:45:20
11	with regulated electricity.	11	and they want to take and get the same kind of
12	need to tell you I worked for 35	12	profits that they can on the open market. It's
13	years for the Illuminating Company.	13	a monopoly, folks. They are ripping you off.
14	Twenty-nine of those years was in the	14	And I think that the only way we're going to
15	management. I can tell you that all of those 19:42:39	15	change this is if the Public Utilities
16	years I was working for them, I never worried	16	Commission and the state legislature says,
17	about reliability of my electric service.	17	"Enough is enough."
18	Since that, I now have a whole-house generator	18	So that's what I have to say and I
19	because the service that I received was	19	would hope that it gets back to Mr. Alexander,
20	terrible. I can go out, and because I worked 19:43:02	20	because he really needs to know it. 19:45:47
21	in the overhead lines department, drive down	21	MS. BOJKO: Dean Dabson.
22	the road and I can look up and I can notice the	22	MR. DABSON: Dean Dabson,
23	problems that they have. They don't do	23	D-a-b-s-o-n. 7132 Enfield, Mentor, Ohio.
24	anything about it. They would much rather have	24	MS. BOJKO: Please raise your right
25	the poles burn off, have the wires come down 19:43:17	25	hand, sir. 19:46:27
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3	challenged in other areas, yet a recent example	3	house, so we moved her into our house and put
4	of American Financial and American Trust cases.	4	her in an in-law suite. She's 75 and she likes
5	Okay. 19:48:08	5	the building temperature to be her age, which 19:52:01
6	Another issue is population is	6	is about 10 degrees higher than we keep the
7	declining in Northeast Ohio, and shouldn't the	7	rest of the house. So she moved in last year
8	electric usage be declining? So that's another	8	and I kept saying, "Well, you know, mom, you
9	one of my issues. Not only when the consumer	9	know, we got to figure something out, our
10	cuts its energy consumption, but the population 19:48:31	10	electric bill went up" I'm thinking it must 19:52:18
11	would cut their energy consumption, shouldn't	11	be her. Well, no, it wasn't her, it was
12	there be some sort of reduction in the rates	12	FirstEnergy. We actually consumed two percent
13	due to the fact that the energy supply	13	less energy. Now, that's not a lot, but that's
14	requirements of FirstEnergy should also be cut?	14	a little bit. And this is before we even knew
15	Another area is the Cleveland 19:48:48	15	what was going on with these rates; I was just 19:52:34
16	Clinic. The Cleveland Clinic has a number of	16	thinking it was my mother-in-law. In spite of
17	very wealthy patrons and contributors, Saudi	17	the fact that we now have a second stove and a
18	Arabians, OPEC cartel members, energy	18	second refrigerator, we have electric heaters
19	suppliers. And the actual status of the clinic	19	because our all-electric house you know,
20	is a nonprofit organization and that has been 19:49:13	20	that's the only way we can heat it. But we 19:52:48
21	questioned.	21	have special extra electric heaters to keep her
22	So when should FirstEnergy charge	22	warm. We consume about 47,000 BTUs a year.
23	its customers in that expansion in terms of the	23	According to what I understand, there used to
24	electrical needs? So those are my comments.	24	be a declining scale as you consume more
25	Thank you.	25	electric, now with the new rate it's less, 13, 19:53:10
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2	January 1, 2009. Still doesn't include me.	2	I didn't really come prepared with
3	It's okay. But thank you PUCO, your new ruling	3	a testimony or statement, but I do want to
4	orders FirstEnergy to extend the rates within	4	speak. What I am concerned about is when
5	one week one week would be April 22 to 19:54:52	5	FirstEnergy says that they had support of a 19:57:59
6	people who bought all-electric homes or rented	6	broad diverse number; parties including PUCO
7	all-electric apartments even after FirstEnergy	7	Staff, Ohio Schools Council, the City of
8	began phasing out the program, which was the	8	Cleveland, and competitive electric suppliers.
9	2006 adjustment that you made.	9	Well, they didn't ask every person. So when
10	Well, on April 22 I called 19:55:10	10	they say they have support of what they are 19:58:16
11	FirstEnergy well, actually, I called them on	11	going to do, they didn't ask everyone here. So
12	the 16th and I called them back on the 22nd and	12	that's what concerns me. What also concerns me
13	I asked them first on the 16th I asked if	13	is I do not have an all-electric home. I guess
14	they were aware that our house and our property	14	you can consider it an all-gas home. I have
15	was all-electric. They said, yes, they were 19:55:22	15	gas stove, gas water heater, gas air, forced 19:58:29
16	aware of it and it's in their records. I said	16	air, gas dryer, and my electric bill was \$103
17	that's good. So I said, "I'm calling just to	17	and they charged me \$168 to deliver it
18	make sure that you've got us set up and we're	18	distribution charges. When I called to ask
19	now getting because it's now one week	19	why, I was told I could always go somewhere
20	getting this new rate." And I was told that 19:55:35	20	else if I didn't like it by FirstEnergy. And I 19:58:49
21	order is pending. I was told it will take a	21	said "Well, unless I'm stupid I can get a
22	while before it goes into effect. And I was	22	different supplier, but first FirstEnergy
23	told that FirstEnergy will not credit back to	23	distribution is charging me the same."
24	the date that PUCO said that they had to	24	And also, another gentleman here
25	provide that new rate. 19:55:54	25	tonight said, you know, that FirstEnergy is 19:59:01
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2	MS. BOJKO: Please state your name	2	provide consistent heat across the wide range
3	and address for the record.	3	of offices. Some on the south side, some on
4	MR. RUSSO: My name is Sal Russo	4	the north side. So we purchased electric
5	and my address is 3025 Edgewood Road, Pepper 20:00:29	5	furnaces. We had all of the rooftop 20:03:38
6	Pike, 44124.	6	air-conditioning units converted to have
7	My background is in the grocery	7	electric heat. We paid the expense for that.
8	business. It was started by my	8	And it worked out well and everyone every
9	great-grandfather Sam Russo. And we had our	9	individual tenant had, you know, regular heat
10	original store in Cleveland Heights. And we 20:00:49	10	during the winter months. The rate increase 20:03:55
11	were fortunate enough, we had a good	11	that came about in the summer of 2009 this
12	relationship with the adjacent property owner,	12	gets to what the previous speaker mentioned
13	that in 1998 we bought a mixed-use building. It has retail on the first floor and the	13	the service plans were flattened, so that was
14	mezzanine level, it has two floors of offices. 20:01:10	14	the first negative impact that I experienced.
16	The building was built in 1918. And the	15	I was no longer able to buy in bulk because the 20:04:18
17	offices on the second and third floor are	16 17	tenants were now the same rate, even though they had much smaller units.
18	small. And I could sympathize with the people	18	But the bigger impact for us was
19	that are here this evening that have spoken	19	the was the removal of the all-electric
20	about the impact of the removal of the 20:01:29	20	discount. And as far as that impact, I looked 20:04:39
21	all-electric discount on their residences. But	21	at from January 7th of 2010 through April 5th
22	I am here to talk about the impact that it's	22	of 2010 the cost and this is just on the
23	had on a commercial account at this particular	23	meter for the electric heat I paid 11.3
24	building that I own. A lot of the tenants are	24	cents per kilowatt hour versus from January 9,
25	social workers, therapists, counselors, 20:01:49	25	2009 through April 6, 2009, I paid 3.5 cents 20:05:12
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4	discount apply to commercial accounts? And	4	hit at the same time, you better have a
5	then regarding what I read in the flyer that 20:06:55	5	generator. And you think you're going to be 20:09:58
6	the Commission has ordered PUCO staff to	6	mad at the facilities, no, just wait until
7	conduct an investigation and submit a report,	7	then,
8	will commercial accounts such as my mine be	8	Also, you know, like I said, I
9	considered in that investigation?	9	worked there this is going back memory
10	And I know that this pertains to 20:07:10	10	lane but I worked in CEI from '63 to '69. 20:10:07
11	the Illuminating Company but since this is	11	You know, back then, you know, we would put a
12	the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio I	12	12, 8, 16 boxes, you know, we would put you
13	was very I was shocked to read in the Plain	13	from here and put you all the way down to the
14	Dealer a month or so ago regarding Dominion	14	put a new main point, give you new breakers.
15	Gas that there was 56 and a half cents per 20:07:34	15	It's all a matter of greed today, what these 20:10:26
16	MCF that was going to fund homes where the	16	companies want. I mean, they still made a
17	homeowners could not afford their natural gas.	17	profit, they made a big profit back then. Now,
18	And that that charge was going from 56 and a	18	you have to do everything yourself. They don't
19	half cents to like a \$1.71 per MCF. I took	19	do anything for the money, all they do is
20	that cost and divided it over my gas cost per 20:07:59	20	collect it, and the reason for that is 20:10:46
21	MCF. And it amounted to a 26 percent tax on my	21	stockholders. They don't care about you, they
22	gas to subsidize other people's gas charges.	22	care about one thing, stockholders. You know,
23	And I was shocked and I I'm speechless on	23	they have the gall, CEI you know, in the
24	that. How that gets passed. Anyway, thank you	24	paper, in the news article, when they stated
25	for your time. 20:08:22	25	referring to where it says artificially low 20:11:04
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10	enough electricity generation markets to 20:13:00	10	name changes, the discount shouldn't carry 20:15:44
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12	electricity, you get charged more. If you	12	tenants. And am I supposed to pay my tenants'
13	don't conserve electricity, you get charged	13	electric bills? Good thing I'm not. I'm
14	more. So who is helping you out in this?	14	sorry, I didn't mean to target you with that.
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19	for it. I have seen situations I am aware	19	got a \$2,500 bill in the mail for electricity,
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7	445, Gates Mills. I want to make a couple of	7	off the people that are counting on our
8	comments. The first one is that the electric	8	government to help us in situations where we
9	discount, the all-electric discount, was not	9	were founded as a country, on the basis that
10	restored. I'll give you the information as to 20:23:19	10	you have corporations if you ever need help, 20:25:51
111	why. Public Utilities wrote me a letter and I	11	and you have the government regulate so that
12	also called them and they said even if it	12	the consumer gets helped. So neither suffers.
13	wasn't fully restored, it was still restored.	13	tt's all I'm asking you to do. Please restore
14	You can't be half pregnant; you're either	14	the all-electric discount.
15	pregnant or you're not pregnant. We either 20:23:36	15	MS. BOJKO: We will mark your 20:26:09
16	have a full discount or we don't have a	16	letter your example sample billing as
17	discount. And we don't have our full electric	17	Fisco Exhibit 1 and that will be attached to
18	discount. Now, I understand the situation like	18	the record.
19	this. We have a teeter-totter and the	19	
20	government has to try to help corporations make 20:23:49	20	(Thereupon, Deposition Fisco Exhibit
21	money, but they also have to help consumers not	21	1 was marked for purposes of
22	go broke. And I feel it's your job to balance	22	identification.)
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4	basically I was hoping something was going to	4	taxes and we have a specific fee that is for
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7	ones that stood here and said in January it was	7	the last time, the man sitting in your
8	like my house was like \$180. It was \$450	8	position, very deathly said the Illuminating
9	two months later. I don't know why it should	9	companies in Ohio pay not the Illuminating,
10	be so high. I don't know why it should gain so 20:27:57	10	but the the utilities pay for the salaries 20:30:23
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12	say. It's the only thing I'm going to say.	12	MR. CENTOLELLA: Well, if he said
13	When I came to the meeting here, it was a month	13	that, then he's speaking incorrectly. We're
14	ago or two months ago or whatever it was I	14	state employees and we work for all of you.
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16	And somebody asked a question to the	16	that was true, otherwise you wouldn't have told
17	Illuminating Company representative who pays	17	me to move.
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22	recommendations when they're being paid by the	22	heard tonight. And we want to thank you and I
23	ones asking for the increase? I say they	23	will certainly consider what I've heard and I'm
24	can't. But somebody has got to push that on	24	sure my colleagues will look at the record and
25	them to get a regulated fee that's going to be 20:28:58	25	consider it as well. 20:31:03
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1	honest and fair. That's it.		112
2	MS. BOJKO: Thank you.	1 2	MS. BOJKO: At this time, that concludes the Public Utilities Commission local
3	THE COURT: I want to just briefly	3	
4	respond to the comment that was made twice now.	ı	hearing. We do again appreciate you all for
5	I don't have what was said by FirstEnergy at 20:29:19	4	coming and we will close the meeting. Thank you. 20:31:19
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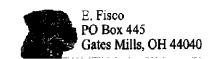
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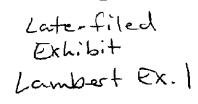
All Electric Discount MUST have these 2 readings. CEI did NOT restore the full discount. They use only the bottom (or lower) number to calculate bills. This gives a far smaller discount, Therefore, the are electric discount was NEVER restored.

33597 KWn = Meter Reading Sample

The 2 readings appear on all electric discount meters called non-time-a-day-meter or a demand meter. Both terms are used by CEI.

The lower no. measures Kwh.
The lower no. measures the highest Kw load used every 30 minutes.

DEPOSITION
EXHIBIT





PROJECT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

For Residential Builders and Developers

Promoting Energy Efficiency in the Residential home marketplace through partnerships with Builders and Energy Partners.

Project Letter of Agreement

Lambert Sales and Leasing

August 24, 2000

Heather S. Pennington

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Lambert Sales & Leasing Richard Lambert 15580 Route 700 Burton, OH 44021

Dear Mr. Lambert:

FirstEnergy is very interested in becoming your Energy Partner to assist in making the best energy decisions possible for your construction projects. The following proposal is based on Lambert Sales & Leasing offering an Apartment Complex featuring Total Electric Heat Pumps. I believe that installing this HVAC equipment package will create a win-win situation for you us the builder and for each of your future tenants.

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Builder's Values:

Minimal additional cost for a significantly higher HVAC equipment package -Differentiate yourself as a builder in the competitive new construction market by providing more value to your customers with a unique, sophisticated heating and cooling package.

Tenant Values:

- Discounted electric heating rate By using heat pumps, you qualify for a discount electric rate. You save on your total energy usage each month.
- Even temperature consistent comfort. Heat pumps provide evenly distributed heating and cooling. Even temperatures throughout the apartment provide consistent comfort year round.

If you would like to sign on as an Energy Partner, and agree to the attached Agreement, please sign this letter below where indicated.

Sincerely,

The Muminating Company

Heather S. Pennington, FirstEnergy Sarvices Corp.

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