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THE Village at EDSON CREEK

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Public Utility Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
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September 8, 2010

RE: Case Docket Number 10-176
First Energy All-Electric Rate

Dear Commission members,

We are writing in behalf of the residents who occupy our 300 unit apartment complex at 1401 Portside Drive in Vermilion, Ohio. We are the owners of this apartment complex which was built under the Ohio Edison all electric rate plan. The apartments were built under the guidelines imposed by Ohio Edison to make them as energy efficient as possible and thereby qualifying under the all-electric, rate 11B optional heating discount.

We strongly object to the sudden discontinuation of this discount for the following reasons:

1. The apartments were especially designed and built according to the Ohio Edison guidelines. Additional costs were incurred with some sacrifices in design to make them as energy efficient as possible in order to make safe, convenient and environmentally friendly electric heating feasible.
2. While no rate structure can last forever, we certainly had every reason to believe that there would always be some discount for all electric users. It only makes sense that it costs no more for the electric company to send 3000KWh to a customer than 1000KWh other than the generation cost. It is our understanding that under the proposed rate structure the rate actually goes up if more electricity is used. That system actually penalizes the all electric customer !
3. The residents at the Village at Edson Creek are approximately 45% senior citizens on fixed incomes. They are very conscious about rising costs. In previous winters they were experiencing electric bills in the \$120.00 range. This past winter bills in the \$200.00 to \$250.00 were not unusual. That kind of an increase in one season is simply unconscionable.

We are confident that you will give this matter careful consideration. If I can provide any information or if I can be of other assistance, please feel free to have your staff call me at any time. My cell phone number is 419 706 3093.

Very truly yours,


Paul Bouman

Secretary-Treasurer Vermilion Housing Corp.

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