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Memorandum

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Re: Joe Hays
21707 Cedar Branch Trl
Strongsville, OH 44149

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On October 27, 2010, I attended the town hall meeting in Strongsville, Ohio, where Mr. Alan Schreiber was present to hear comments and complaints regarding First Energy's attempt to no longer provide bulk discounted service to the All Electric Homeowners. I spoke at that hearing because, as an all-electric homeowner it was imperative for Mr. Schreiber to hear of the under-handed and deceitful ploy that First Energy used to drive electrical rates up beyond 100% of what they formerly charged.

I am following up on that meeting because I am greatly concerned that with the event of this past election that the new governor's failure to permit himself to be contacted regarding this matter strikes me as a sign of indifference, and I have no confidence that he will carry on Governor Strickland's wishes in this regard. Likewise, since it is my understanding that the members of the PUCO serve at the pleasure of the Governor, this issue may get swept under the rug unless you act NOW to provide for the all-electric rate discounts to be permanently restored in perpetuity.

No one is denying First Energy the ability to do business in a profitable manner. As costs of materials, etc. go up it is logical that First Energy should be able to recoup increased costs, BUT there is absolutely no way that any business, that has been making healthy profits (enough to buy Alleghany Power) is suffering as a result of discounts once designed to gain income from excess-generated electric power.

You all have heard these arguments over and over again, and I also know from my own previous work experience that Mr. Schreiber would have much preferred to have been home with his family instead of having to listen to us complain about this situation, BUT this is serious!!!! Many of us on fixed incomes cannot live with these unnecessarily high increases. As I said in my own testimony, the brochures sent out by First Energy suggested that the rates would increase about 5%. That's not unreasonable, but 100%? That's NUTS.

Please pull out all the stops and act now to make the all-electric discounts permanent and for the discounts to be a part of the home itself, not based upon the date the homeowner took possession of the home. We have no other choice as there is no alternative source of fuel in the area, and any other option is NOT an option for us. Sincerely,

Joe A. Hays, Jr.

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