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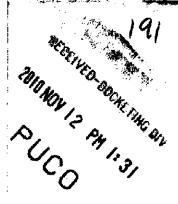
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PUBLIC HEARING

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IN RE: CASE NO. 10-176-EL-ATA

Monday, October 25, 2010

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PUCO Local Public Hearing in the Matter of the Application of Ohio Edison Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and the Toledo Edison Company for Approval of a New Rider and Revision of an Existing Rider, taken before me, the undersigned, Katrina Dearborn, a Notary Public, in and for the State of Ohio, at Sandusky, Ohio, commencing at 6:00 p.m. the day and date above set forth.

Page 2 1 MR. PRICE: Good evening. The 2 Public Utilities Commission is set for 3 hearing at this time and this place, 4 Case No. 10-176-EL-ATA in the Matter of 5 the Application of Ohio Edison Company, 6 The Cleveland Electric Illuminating 7 Company, and The Toledo Edison Company 8 for approval of a new rider and revision 9 of the existing rider. 10 My name is Gregory Price. I'm the 11 attorney examiner assigned to preside 12 over tonight's hearing. With me is the 13 Chairman of the Commission, Alan 14 Schriber. 15 Let's begin by taking appearances 16 of the parties, starting with the 17 company. 18 MR. BURK: On behalf of Ohio 19 Edison, Cleveland Electric Illuminating 20 and Toledo Edison, James W. Burk --21 FEMALE AUDIENCE MEMBER: We cannot 22 hear you. Get a mic. 23 MALE AUDIENCE MEMBER: Get a mic, 24 sir. 25 FEMALE AUDIENCE MEMBER: We came to

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hear.

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2 MR. BURK: On behalf of Ohio 3 Edison, Cleveland Electric Illuminating, 4 and Toledo Edison, James W. Burk and 5 Carrie Dunn, 76 South Main Street, 6 Akron, Ohio, 44308 7 MR. PRICE: Thank you. 8 Mr. Corcoran. 9 MR. CORCORAN: Hi everyone. I'm 10 Kevin Corcoran. I'm the attorney for 11 Bob Schmitt Homes, CKAP, Sue Steigerwald 12 and Joan Higgenbotham. My address is 13 8501 Woodbridge Court, North Ridgeville, 14 Ohio, 44039 15 FEMALE AUDIENCE MEMBER: Who do you 16 represent? 17 MR. CORCORAN: Bob Schmitt Homes, 18 CKAP, Sue Steigerwald and Joan 19 Higgenbotham. 20 MR. PRICE: Mr. Small. 21 MR. SMALL: On behalf of the Ohio 22 Consumers' Counsel, Jeffrey L. Small and 23 Christopher Allwein, 10 West Broad 24 Street, 18th Floor, Columbus Ohio, 25 43215.

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1 Thank you. This the MR. PRICE: 2 first of six public hearings to be held 3 on this matter. The evidentiary hearing 4 in this matter will commence on November 5 29, 2010 at the Offices of the 6 Commission.

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7 At tonight's hearing, all testimony 8 will be under oath and subject to cross-9 examination. However, the failure of 10 any party to cross examine any witness 11 will not be considered to be a waiver of 12 the right of the party to cross-examine 13 that witness in any further 14 proceedings.

15 We'll take all the witnesses in 16 order of the sign-up sheet. If you've 17 not had a chance to sign up, I believe 18 there is still opportunities to. And 19 even if you have not signed up, we'll 20 take those witnesses last. Everybody 21 that has an interest in testifying 22 tonight, you will have the opportunity 23 to.

24 I would like to point out that in 25 the entry scheduling the hearings, the

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1 Commission indicated there was interests 2 in the following topic: If you are in 3 an all-electric home, what contracts or written documentation do you have 5 regarding your electric rates now and in 6 the future; was there a commitment that 7 the rate will remain with the home for 8 future owners; if you are in an 9 all-electric home, do you think the 10 Commission should take into account, in 11 setting rates, any difference in costs 12 between heating a home with natural gas 13 or with electricity. 14 All-electric homes have had

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15 discounted rates for many years, 16 however, future events and policy 17 changes, such after federal 18 environmental regulations and wholesale 19 market changes to make it necessary to 20 alter the discount that may be prudent 21 in this case. Was it a fair way to move 22 or phase all-electric home bills to 23 accommodate these changes without causing rates shock and without 24 25 burdening other customers.

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Page 6 1 I would also like to note that a 2 staff report was filed in this 3 The proceeding on September 24th, 2010. staff report contained the reading of 5 options for potential discounts for all 6 electric customers. I would like to 7 emphasize that this is your opportunity to comment upon which of those options 8 g you think is appropriate, if any; any 10 other options that you have and why. 11 As the chairman pointed out, this 12 hearing is transcribed and will be part 13 of the official record of the case. And 14 with that, let's go ahead and take our 15 first witness. Congressman Marcy 16 Kaptur. 17 18 MARCH KAPTUR, 19 After having been first duly sworn, as 20 hereinafter certified, was examined and testified 21 as follows: 22 MR. PRICE: Thank you. 23 MS. KAPTUR: This is quite a loud 24 mic. I want to thank the Public 25 Utilities Commission for holding the

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P: 216.298.4888 F: 216.298.4880 first hearing on this important matter here in Sandusky, where so many people have organized to demand just treatment in this matter. I'm so happy so many are here this evening.

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My name is Marcy Kaptur, and I represent the Ninth Congressional District of Ohio. The all-electric issue directly affects thousands of my constituents across the ninth district, from Vermilion, to Huron, to Sandusky, to Maumee. And I'm here to support these constituents in their dispute with FirstEnergy, the fifth largest investorowned utility in our nation.

I appreciate the opportunity to offer brief comments, and I know many others are waiting to speak, so I promise to be brief and submit a longer written statement for the official record.

Power costs are a major impediment to economic growth, discouraging job growth, firms, and certainly families from locating in high rate regions.

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That is why so many communities are trying to diversify new power production options that can be employed right here at home to service the public, which over time has become more reliant and almost held hostage to absentee owned firms to supply and service their power systems.

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9 It is why I had supported the 10 federal research and development into 11 new, decentralized energy systems for 12 the future; systems that can be managed 13 closer to home and offer consumers 14 Further, as our region has been choice. 15 victimized by energy brownouts in the 16 past is why I've come to believe giant, 17 centralized energy systems, controlled 18 by some of the largest corporations in 19 our nation, actually are vulnerable 20 systems, too open to attack by those who 21 seek to do us harm. A more diversified 22 energy production and distribution 23 system and a system that is more 24 decentralized makes sense to me, in 25 terms of national security, as well.

The all-electric issue goes to the matter of trust. It's about reliance on promises made. If the all-electric issue could be depicted in a cartoon, it would be from Peanuts. You would have Lucy holding a football. She's FirstEnergy. And you would have Charlie Brown running up to kick it. That would be FirstEnergy's all-electric customers. You know what happens next? Lucy pulls the ball away at the last minute and Charlie Brown goes flying. Lucy made an implied promise to Charlie Brown that she would hold the football in place and she broke that promise, pulling it away at the last minute. And the result is that Charlie Brown ended up flat on his back, seeing star.

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Almost to a person, FirstEnergy's all-electric customers believed the corporation would hold their rates in place. And now FirstEnergy wants to pull the ball away. How can so many people be so wrong about what the utility company promised in return for

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1	giving up a choice of energy supply. Do
2	you believe the rate payers who relied
3	on FirstEnergy's promises, or do you
4	believe the corporation?
5	For me it's not a difficult
6	question to answer. The all-electric
7	rates were offered by the utility
8	companies to guarantee a revenue base
9	and predictable revenue stream. The
10	all-electric marketing scheme
11	constituted a good faith agreement
12	between the customer and the company.
13	The company promised favorable rates in
14	return for the customer. And the
15	customer promised to forfeit the choice
16	of an alterative supplier of power. Now
17	the company wants to break the promise,
18	saying the marketplace has changed. But
19	a promise is a promise. And customers
20	that live in all-electric developments
21	or apartment complexes now clearly lack
22	bargaining power. They have no access
23	to a genuinely open marketplace.
24	For them, natural gas is not an
25	option. These seniors and families

depend on electricity for their heating, water heating and cooking needs. They have no other options because they relinquished them, as a direct result of the agreements they made in good faith with FirstEnergy companies.

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At a time when families and small businesses are retrenching, trying to ride out the economic storm, FirstEnergy is going in the opposite direction by getting even bigger. They are trying to gobble up Allegheny Energy in a stock deal estimated at 8.5 billion dollars. It is typical of an electric utilities sector that is witnessing a dramatic consolidation. Northeast Utilities, for example, is proposing to acquire NSTAR for 4.3 billion dollars, creating the dominate utility in the Northeastern United States. But that deal is only half as large as the proposed FirstEnergy-Allegheny merger. Already the fifth largest investor-

owned utility in the nation, FirstEnergy would grow substantially larger if it

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1	were allowed to acquire Allegheny. So
2	how are we to believe that a corporation
3	such as FirstEnergy, with annual
4	revenues of approximately one billion
5	dollars, that's more than the gross
6	domestic product of 15 different African
7	Nations how are we to believe that
8	such a gigantic corporation cannot
9	afford to keep its promises to senior
10	citizens and working families in
11	all-electric homes and apartments.
12	FirstEnergy's proposed acquisition
13	of Allegheny Power proves that it is
14	hardly a company that is forced to go
15	back on its word to all-electric
16	customers out of economic necessity.
17	If FirstEnergy can afford an 8.5
18	billion dollar acquisition of Allegheny
19	Energy, they certainly can afford to
20	keep its promises to all-electric
21	customers in Ohio. It is the
22	responsibility of state and federal
23	regulators to make sure that FirstEnergy
24	keeps its end of the bargain and keeps
25	its promise to its customers.

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In closing, I would note that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is reviewing the proposed FirstEnergy-Allegheny Energy merger. The Federal Trade Commission and Department of Justice, meanwhile, are considering whether to clear the proposed merger under antitrust. I would urge all the regulatory agencies, including the PUCO, to take note of promises that FirstEnergy has made with respect to the merger with Allegheny. Among other things, FirstEnergy has promised -- and I quote -- "better service reliability." It has promised better prices for its customers and it made certain commitments not specifically defined to its workforce. If FirstEnergy tries to break its promise to all-electric customers, why should state and federal regulators

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believe promises made with respect to the proposed merger. FirstEnergy's credibility is at stake. FirstEnergy's promises to all-electric customers, at a

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Page 14 1 minimum, constitutes implied contracts. 2 FirstEnergy gave up something. Its 3 customers gave up something. Broth parties benefited from the bargain. 5 FirstEnergy gave up its normal rates for 6 electricity and received a predictable 7 customer base and revenue stream. The R customers gave up their choice of a form 9 of energy and received a promise of 10 favorable rates. 11 The rule of law exists to enforce 12 contracts so that parties can enjoy 13 certainty and predictability, so that 14 the powerful cannot simply run roughshod 15 over the powerless. Therefore, I 16 respectively ask the Commission to 17 ensure that FirstEnergy keeps its 18 promise to its all-electric customers. 19 Thank you for allowing me to 20 testify this evening. 21 MR. PRICE: Our next witness is 22 Virginia Grover -- Groover. I would 23 like to apologize in advance for any 24 mispronunciations I make on anybody's 25 name.

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. 1	MS. GROOVER: She's a hard act to
2	follow, though.
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4	VIRGINIA GROOVER
5	After having been first duly sworn, as
6	hereinafter certified, was examined and testified
7	as follows:
8	MR. PRICE: Please state your full
9	name and address for the record.
10	MS. GROOVER: My name is Betty
11	Virginia Groover, 917 West Bogart Road,
12	Sandusky, Ohio.
13	MR. PRICE: Thank you. Proceed,
14	please.
15	MS. GROOVER: In 1974 our family
16	was growing and we needed a new home.
17	We moved out of the Perkins area on
18	Wilbert Road into one of the first new
19	homes out there. Columbia Gas was not
20	taking new customers at that point in
21	time, and we had, really, no option than
22	to go with the electric. The electric
23	company, through the contractor's
24	salesperson, told us that if we did
25	this, we would get a discount. I took

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them at their word.

2 Periodically, over the years, Ohio 3 Edison would come out with suggested home improvements. Upgrades. And if we 5 did this, we would continue to get our all-electric discount. We got load 6 7 meters. We put in an 80-gallon hot 8 water heater. We increased our insulation. All of this cost us money. 9 10 Ohio Edison didn't pay for that. We 11 did. And we expected Ohio Edison to 12 reciprocate and keep their word. 13 We are on an equal payment plan so 14 that we know monthly what we're going to 15

pay and are able to budget for that. Suddenly, our January 2009 bill jumped over a hundred dollars with a little bitty line in the middle of our bill with an explanation that we all missed.

If this rate of increase is allowed to go through, it will become a hardship for us. We are retired. We're on a fixed income. And that income has not increased last year, nor is it

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1	increasing this year. With the amount
2	of money that Ohio Edison made last
3	year I don't know what they made
4	before that, but last year, they made
5	quite a bit I think they can give us
6	old people a little bit of a break.
7	Thank you.
8	MR.PRICE: Thank you. Our next
9	witness is Roger Kinney.
10	MR. KINNEY: Good evening.
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12	ROGER KINNEY,
13	After having been first duly sworn, as
14	hereinafter certified, was examined and testified
15	as follows:
16	MR. PRICE: Please state your name
17	and address for the record.
18	MR. KINNEY: Roger Kinney. 4104
19	Pebble Lane, Sandusky, Ohio.
20	In 1977 we built an all-electric
21	home. At that time an Ohio Edison
22	representative showed us printouts of
23	different operating cost using 2X4
24	<pre>versus 2X6 construction; savings using</pre>
25	various amounts of insulation; and costs

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1	using baseboard verses heat pump, verses
2	electric furnace. Through the years, we
3	used demand meters, load regulators, and
4	savings programs for electric heating of
5	large amounts of water. Based on all of
6	this, our utility, electric costs, are
7	similar to comparable homes using both
8	gas and electric.
9	Having had a satisfied experience
10	for 26 years, we decided to build
11	another all-electric home in 2003. This
12	home received the same competitive
13	electric rates we had received at our
14	previous home.
15	With the loss of all-electric home
16	rates, our electric costs would become
17	unaffordable for us and are not now
18	comparable to similar homes using gas
19	and electric. These electric costs are
20	so high, they reduce the value of our
21	home and make it unsalable. No one
22	wants an all-electric home at these
23	costs.
24	Our current home was built in 2003
25	is on a slab foundation. Many other

homes in this area are also on slab foundations. With a slab foundation, our homes do not have any forced air heating system. We use baseboard or something else. It is not possible to convert to forced air heating, even if it were affordable.

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Comparing the 2006/7 heating season to the '09/2010 heating season, we've reduced our kilowatt hours used by 16 percent, by adding more attic insulation and installing six programmable thermostats. Comparing the same two heating seasons, our electric bill has increased by 22 percent, and the average temperature was one degree warmer in '09/2010. Therefore, we ask for a permanent all-electric rate differential and generation of distribution charges for nine months of the year for all-electric heating, load management and water heating customers that stays with the property upon transfer to a new owner, including homes, apartments and condos. The rate differential should be

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Page 20 1 equivalent to the pre-2007 declining 2 block measure. ٦ Number two, we ask that the rate differential should be given to every 5 property, even those currently excluded 6 from where -- excluded because they were 7 built or converted to all-electric in Ŕ January 1, 2007. 9 Three, we ask for FirstEnergy must 10 not raise the rates of any of other rate 11 payers but rather absorb the cost of 12 this program which FirstEnergy has had 13 for the last 30 years. FirstEnergy made 14 verbal and written promises to owners 15 and builders alike, to entice them to go 16 all electric. They must not be allowed 17 to break these promises and charge 18 others for their breach of contract. 19 Thank you. 20 Thank you. I believe MR. PRICE: 21 Mr. Burk has a question for you. 22 I just had one question, MR. Burk: 23 Mr. Kinney. Do you have any 24 documentation of the promises that you 25 referred to in your testimony?

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	1	MR. KINNEY: No.
	2	MR. BURK: Thank you.
	3	MR. PRICE: John Kempton.
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	5	JOHN KEMPTON,
	6	After having been first duly sworn, as
	7	hereinafter certified, was examined and testified
	8	as follows:
	9	MR. PRICE: Please state your name
	10	and address for the record.
	11	MR. KEMPTON: John L. Kempton, 4120
	12	Huntfield Drive, Sandusky, Ohio.
	13	Okay. Reasons for all-electric
	14	homes to keep the all-electric rate
	15	discount. Property values. When my
	16	wife and I moved into our all-electric
	17	home at 4120 Huntsville Drive, Sandusky,
	18	Ohio, in May 2000, there were hardly any
	19	condos available at Plumbrook Estates.
	20	As second owners, we were paid we
	21	paid \$139,000 for our condo and have
	22	since put over 10,000 more in
	23	improvements to our condo. As recently
	24	as 2008, it was valued at approximately
	25	\$166,000. A very similar condo on
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Page 22 1 Westland Drive in Plumbrook Estates sold 2 last month for \$120,0000. Approximately 3 ten others are for sale now at Plumbrook 4 Estates. Some have been on the market 5 for over a year. Uncertainty over 6 purposed electric rate increases is one 7 of the main reasons for our units not ß selling. 9 Two, Social Security payments. For 10 the second year in a row there will be 11 no increase in Social Security 12 payments. Most of us at Plumbrook 13 Estate are on Social Security and an 14electric rate increase will be difficult 15 to budget on our fixed income. 16 Three, declining interest --17 savings interest rates. As many seniors 18 do, we rely on bank, CD interest to help 19 with the budget. CD interest rates have 20 dropped to less than half of what they 21 were five years ago and are still going 22 This, again, leaves little or no down. 23 money to pay for higher electric rates. 24 We pray that the PUCO will 25 permanently reinstate the all-electric

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1	rate home owner discount, as home owners
2	were led to believe that this would
3	always continue. Thank you for your
4	favorable decisions on the all-electric
5	rates. John and Nancy Kempton.
6	MR. PRICE: Sue McCartney.
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8	SUE McCARTNEY,
9	After having been first duly sworn, as
10	hereinafter certified, was examined and testified
11	as follows: '
12	MR. PRICE: Please state your name
13	and address for the record.
14	MS. McCARTNEY: Sue McCartney. I
15	live at 2610 Scheid Road, Huron, Ohio.
16	My husband and I have lived hear since
17	1973. We have a baseboard all-electric
18	home. And we have, like others, put
19	improvements over the years. We had the
20	Sun Computer System in. So we recycle
21	our on and off through. All our
22	baseboards are hot water heat. The
23	dryer to be economically aware of the
24	usage of electricity. And it's been a
25	very nice home to have had. And now

Page 24 1 we're retired. We cannot afford to go 2 off the -- to higher rates. We have a 3 certain amount that we can spend on utilities, and right now we do close off 5 any rooms that we do no use. There is б little or no heat in them. And we were 7 told at the time that we got our house, 8 that there was no gas available. And, 9 of course, the electric company had 10 encouraged us to use an all-electric 11 home. 12 And right now we feel that for us

13 in the future, there is no value 14 attached to our house anymore with the 15 all-electric heat. But we would like to 16 live in it the rest of the time we have 17 because of our age. And doing that --18 even that little increase in January 19 last year was relatively just over one 20 hundred dollars. And that is a lot to 21 compensate when you don't have the money 22 coming in.

23 So we would appreciate, you know, 24 especially for senior citizens, some 25 sort of way that we can keep our reduced

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1	rate at this time. Thank you.
2	MR. PRICE: Thank you,
3	Ms. McCartney.
4	Jude Theibert.
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6	JUDE THEIBERT,
7	After having been first duly sworn, as
8	hereinafter certified, was examined and testified
9	as follows:
10	MR. PRICE: Please state your name
11	and address for the record.
12	MR. THEIBERT: Jude Theibert, 411
13	Greenfield Drive, Sandusky, Ohio. I
14	want to first thank you for holding this
15	hearing in Sandusky and the opportunity
16	to address the Public Utilities
17	Commission of Ohio. Hereafter, I'll
18	refer to you as PUCO.
19	I am a homeowner of an all-electric
20	home since 1996 and the former president
21	of a condo association of 183 similar
22	units. Each of these homes is made
23	permanently dependent solely on
24	electricity for all power supplies
25	through the marketing practices of our

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electric company.

2 It is an undisputed fact that 3 FirstEnergy, its predecessor and successor companies embarked on a 5 marketing program commencing in 1974 to 6 create residential buildings in 7 communities to void a competing energy 8 infrastructure with buildings designed 9 that would permanently depend upon 10 electricity for heating both their homes 11 and the water heaters. The marketing 12 program was aided and abetted by the 13 State of Ohio through the actions of 14 PUCO and could not have succeeded 15 without their assistance.

16 During the entire period, PUCO have 17 set the costs and profit data from 18 FirstEnergy, its predecessor/successor 19 companies, in calculating the various 20 rate schedules arrived over all those 21 years. In addition, the State, through 22 PUCO, authorized electric rate discounts 23 for the -- created for 33 years, from 24 1974 until January 1st, 2007, when the 25 Commission approved energy's rate

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certainty plan first went into effect; even longer if you consider the extension that's now income effect.

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These homes would not have been created, lived in, bought or sold or resold without this electric rate discount sought by the electric companies and approved by the State through PUCO. The importance to this continued support is best illustrated on Page 2 of the staff's September 24, 2010 report, explaining in part, the extension of the rate discount.

This would allow homeowners -- home builders to -- this is very important. This would allow home builders adequate time to sell any homes that were being built in reliance on the availability of all-electric discounts. I emphasize, reliance on the discounts. Note there was little concern showed for the purchaser of these houses. A lessor known, but equally important part of this marketing plan was a provision of cash reimbursement to contractors for

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Page 28 constructing permanently dependent homes and developments without accepting energy -- without competing energy infrastructures.

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Your public notice lists three 6 issues here: Commitments, electricity versus natural gas, and rate shock. Ι will attempt to address just the first 9 one, because there is not enough time to address all three issues. With a few observations leading to some of the others.

13 You asked two questions under the 14 term "commitment." First you asked, 15 what contracts or written documentation 16 do you have regarding your electric 17 rates now and in the future. And you 18 asked, was there a commitment that this 19 rate would remain with the homes for 20 future owners.

21 I do not believe you will find a 22 smoking gun today that answers these 23 questions. But I believe there is a 24 smoldering gun within PUCO's own 25 records. I would first offer the

standard law applicable to the provisions of all public utilities as proof of a commitment. Every day all over the state, individual homeowners stop and start utility deliveries to their homes with phone calls. This is a normal agreement that utilities will provide utilities at approved rates as long as the customer pays their bill.

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The public trust state agency, such as PUCO, will establish and enforce rates that are applicable to each There is no written contract utility. The proof of the term is what signed. is billed and what is paid. For 33 years, original, subsequent and current homeowners with all-electric homes received documents from both the production and delivery of electricity -- received discounts from both the production and delivery of electricity to their homes. All this is done without the need to even identify that you're an all-electric home or even mention that you're an all-electric

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home.

These bills confirm what the original homeowners were said to by their builder; also, what original homeowners said to new buyers of their homes and what they sold, finally, to subsequent buyers. Everybody was getting the discount, and the records of their bills showed that.

10 Secondly, I would offer 33 years of 11 PUCO's records. You must use common 12 sense -- a commodity not in high 13 abundance from any of our governments at 14 all levels -- when you consider these 15 records. Your records clearly show 16FirstEnergy, its predecessor and 17 subsequent companies sought discount 18 electric rates for both production and 19 delivery of electricity to its 20 all-electric customers. These records 21 show that they provided you and you 22 accepted data on cost and profit that 23 included discounts in all electric 24 homes. Also, your records show that for 25 33 years, PUCO authorized FirstEnergy,

and FirstEnergy provided these discounts to all-electric homes.

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Here is where you have to apply a little common sense. We know that the managers of FirstEnergy and its affiliates are neither known for being particularly generous or stupid. Thev certainly didn't provide these discounts out of generosity for all these years. They provided them because this is an obligation they readily assumed, as part of their marketing plan, to create permanent customers the avoid It was a good plan for competition. them because it permitted them to generate income for their, otherwise, wasted capacity during the two periods, nighttime and winter, continue with common sense, it appears that FirstEnergy decided to use the unbundling feature of Senate Bill Three as an opportunity to shed these rate discounts, avoiding generation regulation and improve the bottom line. I can only assume that they're

1 willing to risk ending the program of 2 creating new all-electric units on a 3 calculation that an unbundling and avoiding rate regulations for production 5 of electricity would be more profitable 6 and it would more than offset the risk 7 of losing revenue generated by the 8 all-electric program.

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9 In the absence of written proof, 10 our court and the courts of public 11 opinion face great stock in precedence 12 and even more precedence that becomes 13 customs over time. I would suggest that 14 the 33-year record documented in your 15 records of these precedence setting 16 discounts, that most people would say 17 they've become accustom.

18 The crucial question you asked is, 19 was there a commitment for future 20 Implicit in this question is, owners. 21 how long should these rates remain. The 22 key and logical answer to that question 23 is that the plan required creating home 24 developments permanently the avoid the 25 competition. I am of the opinion the

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discount should pass with the unit no matter who owns the unit. I think that the discount should remain until the house is taken off the public tax records.

As a minimum, there is a precedent within your records that a discounts should remain for at least 33 years, which is the length of time these discounts were provided to the first unit built in 1974 underneath this plan. The loss of these discounts will certainly lower property values with an estimate as high as 30 percent. There would be a similar loss in tax revenue to support local governments and school systems.

In my observation in our development, the greatest adverse 20 economic impasse may be to the elderly, single women who live on a fixed income, often from annuities from their deceased 23 spouse's retirement or just Social Security.

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They expect their utility costs to

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be affordable and manageable within these fixed budgets. But for many of them, that is no longer true with the discontinuation of these discounts. I expect this problem to continue because women will continue to outlive men.

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These units were purchased and sold and resold with the expectation electric discounts would continue making the units affordable as the units continue to exist. Now I've got some documents, but in the interest of time, talking about electricity versus natural gas and some of the other items, but I know who wants to listen to all that, so I'll jump to the conclusion.

In the conclusion, the state was a major player in creating all-electric homes. PUCO's records indicate the long-standing precedence exists for providing these discounts to both original, subsequent homeowners.

FirstEnergy's action in seeking and
 providing these discounts for over 33
 years, in the case, they understood they

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1	had an obligation to provide these
2	discounts, and removal of these
3	discounts would cause considerable harm
4	to a great number of people, especially
5	older people. For these reasons, I urge
6	PUCO to continue the rate discount for
7	as long as the individual remains
8	anywhere on Ohio property tax records.
9	And I would like to submit a written
10	portion of my report. Any questions.
11	MR. PRICE: Thank you. Raymond
12	Kasicki.
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14	RAYMOND KASICKI,
15	After having been first duly sworn, as
16	hereinafter certified, was examined and testified
17	as follows:
18	MR. PRICE: Please state your name
19	and address for the record.
20	MR. KASICKI: My name is Raymond
21	Kasicki. I live at 665 Streeter Road,
22	Port Clinton, Ohio, 43452. I would like
23	to thank the Commission for hearing us,
24	to begin with, and the opportunity to
25	give our side of the story.

1 In April 2003 we were planning our 2 retirement home. We had a single-wide ٦ house trailer we were tearing down and 4 planning our retirement home. The old 5 house had gas heat. We talked to the 6 gas company and Ohio Edison. Ohio 7 Edison told us if we met their standards 8 for insulation on our new home, they 9 would give us a discounted electric And the gas rates would be very rate. uncertain in the future. We were told the more electric you used, the lower the rate would be.

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14 We decided these discounts would be 15 the best way for us in retirement. We 16 upgraded the new home. We had to 17 upgrade the electric service coming into 18 the house. We upgraded the insulation 19 R-11, R-19, R-33. All-electric furnace 20 and water heater. After the new home 21 was put in, the gas company came out and 22 removed the meter. Took the gas line 23 out all the way to the street, taking 24 away our option for gas. In the 25 meantime, my planning for a retirement

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for some years in the future went to the wayside because I became fully disabled. My only income now is disability. So we were thankful we went to Ohio Edison to be able to have affordable heating and cooling.

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Then Ohio Edison decided they no longer wanted to honor their deal with us and changed the way they sold electricity and calculated their rates. The more you used, the higher the rate will be. The total opposite of what they offered us to go all electric. We now have to decide if we can afford enough heat to keep warm and stay healthy. The electric company now wants to pull back on what they promised and Doesn't good faith increase our rates. mean anything to them? Most of the people that the electric company promised these discounts to are now senior citizens. With the cost of everything going up and those on Social Security not receiving rate increases for years, we cannot afford the rates

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1	the electric company is charging us
2	now. To give us an example of the
3	increase, in December 2009 we used 2,111
4	kilowatt hours, paid \$189. December
5	2008 we used 2,570 kilowatt hours, paid
6	\$172. We used 459 more kilowatt hours
7	in 2008 and paid \$16 less. If you take
8	our January and February 2009 and
9	January and February 2010, add them
1.0	together, in 2009 we had 5,905 kilowatt
11	hours paid \$431. In 2010 we used 5,932
12	kilowatt hours and paid \$534. Paid \$102
13	more in 2010. This and the average of
14	\$50 per month. I'm on disability. I
15	did not get an increase in disability
16	pay for 2010. Will not get an increase
17	in 2011. Where are we supposed to be
18	come up with the additional \$50 a
19	month?
20	All we ask is that they honor their
21	commitment to us. If they don't want to
22	honor what they offered us, they should
23	make us whole again and pay us what it
24	would cost us to convert back to gas.
25	We built our homes on their standards.

The only fair thing to do is give us back the extra we had to pay to convert our home to all electric.

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I have a little poster, but it's not in here, but in regards to the billing. Nobody understands the billing. It's very complicated and they really need a simpler way to -- I've talked to people all over to that have no idea how it's calculated. There's neighbors right next to each other getting two different bills for the same amount of kilowatt hours and nobody knows why. And I think that's where the Public Utilities Commission can help us too. Thank you. And any questions? MR. PRICE: Thank you, Mr. Kasicki. James or Ruth Lowery. RUTH LOWERY, After having been first duly sworn, as hereinafter certified, was examined and testified as follows: MR. PRICE: Please state your name

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1	and address for the record.
2	MS. LOWERY: Ruth Lowery, 203
3	Birchwood Drive, Perkins Township,
4	Sandusky, Ohio. As I give a very short
5	testimony, I am assuming the Public
6	Utilities Chairman is here to represent
7	the public. You represent us as a
8	public as part of your job, not tonight,
9	but in your job. And I'm assuming
10	you're the lawyer for the Public
11	Utilities Commission. I've heard lots
12	of indications that we were promised
13	all-electric discount rates. Our
14	foundation was dug in January 1973. We
15	moved in June 1973. I agree with about
16	everything that everyone said here
17	today, but I would like to add one
18	thing. I would like to kick it up to
19	our Public Utilities Commission whom I'm
20	assuming represents the public of Ohio
21	in that in the late '80s and the early
22	1990s it was not a promise. Ohio Edison
23	who became FirstEnergy, to my knowledge,
24	had on the airways of the television and
25	in many print ads they offered to

all-electric homes for \$300 they would come and put in an 80 gallon tank. And you were guaranteed these discounted rates. That was not a promise. When you advertise as a company on our public airwaves, that's stated fact. There is money transferred from the customer. Т wrote a \$300 check to Ohio Edison. Those men from Ohio Edison, their wages, which if our Public Utilities Commission is working for us, they can trace wages in this country, print ads, public airwave television commercials, stated facts for the customers can be traced.

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I want our Public Utilities Commission to help us trace this. If Marcy Kaptur has any way to suggest to the public how we can trace this -- most of this has thrown these documents away. However, I do have my check register with the check number. I am going to the bank tomorrow to see if there is any way if I can trace that canceled check. Because we're way beyond implied promises. We are stated

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1	facts across the airwaves and the public
2	newspapers, and our lawyer for the
3	Public Utilities Commission, if we go
4	into a court of law to defend this, we
5	expect you to help us defend it. Thank
б	you.
7	MR. PRICE: Cora Neill.
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9	CORA NEILL,
10	After having been first duly sworn, as
11	hereinafter certified, was examined and testified
12	as follows:
13	MR. PRICE: Please state your name
14	and address for the record.
15	MS. NEILL: My name is Cora Neill.
16	I live at 4005 Bardshar Road, Castalia,
17	Ohio. And I'm going to just kind of add
18	to what the rest of these I have
19	three letters here. One from myself,
20	one from the people we bought our
21	property from, and one from my neighbor
22	that bought his house from the man we
23	bought our property from. I want to
24	read mine first.
25	It says, "we are here to express,

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by taking the electric rate that was promised us if we did what Ohio Edison told us to do. This was our dream home where we wanted to live out our golden years in piece. So we insulated with an R-38 in our ceilings, R-19 in our walls and installed an 80 gallon hot water tank, and even put the curlicue bulbs in our fixtures, even though they don't give me enough light for my macular degeneration. But am I making due.

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I have lived in all-electric homes for over 25 years, being encouraged by Ohio Edison to convert to a cleaner heat in my former home, even allowing the box to turn off my hot water tank that they put in my home. It has been cheaper, clean, and quite. We were happy with only one bill we could manage very nicely.

Imagine our surprise when we opened that bill last winter that had almost doubled. We are well into retirement. My husband is in a wheelchair and on coumadin, so it is hard to keep him

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1	warm. We thought of selling our home,
2	which is impossible now because who
3	wants an all-electric home. We will be
4	trying to decide do we eat, take our
5	medicine, or pay our electric bill.
6	Fixed income doesn't allow a lot. The
7	cost of living for everyone has gone up
8	for food, taxes, almost everything. All
9	of us on a fixed income have been told
10	for the second year, we do not get a
11	raise. Please do not take our rate from
12	us. Thank you for your time."
13	Now I have a letter from the
14	builder that lived next door to me who I
15	bought the property from. It says,
16	"Your persistence in removing the
17	graduate rate on all-electric homes has
18	prompted me to write this letter. As a
19	builder in the Erie County area over a
20	30-year period, I now feel betrayed by
21	your company. What do I say to my
22	faithful customers now in their
23	retirement years as they struggle to
24	keep their lights on and their homes
25	warm. Me decision to build all-electric

homes was inspired by your representatives. I was wined, dined and given all sorts of incentives: Door bells. Front door mats. Free heat loss evaluations. Help with advertising costs. Handouts for open houses, et cetera; all in a very professional manner.

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"Again, I understand you wanting to pull the plug out from under the people who put their trust your company. You are literally bankrupting many a family by doing so. There are hundreds of thousands of units just in the Erie County alone. This is not just a little price hike, but an unbelievable increase. May God bless. Biggs Construction, retired. Bob Biggs."

The last one that I have is from my neighbors, Greg and Deborah Linkenbach. They bought Bob Biggs' home. "To whom it may concern: As a homeowner of an all-electric home, I would like you to know, we purchased our retirement home for our future retirement dream home in

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1	the country of Erie County in Ohio, with
2	one-and-a-quarter acres of land,
3	including four barns, an old country
4	home, remodeled with minimal work. We
5	own a pool and outside Jacuzzi. We were
6	assumed we purchased it in August of
7	'06 of what a great energy saving
8	home it was, using 80-gallon hot water
9	heater and insulation with R-38 in our
10	ceilings and floors and R-19 walls,
11	wrapped insulation on the hot water
12	tank, good new windows, doors, et
13	cetera, making it electric friendly with
14	low cost and energy saving qualities.
15	Please keep in mind, this home belonged
16	to a local contractor/home builder of
17	all-electric homes, Robert Biggs, as his
18	family home. And we are reassured
(19	countless times how this home was
20	remodeled with energy saving and low
21	cost electric, especially with the
22	grandfather clause with the electric
23	company for a lifetime and not a short
24	period of questionable unquestionable
25	time. Bills are always high and we took

it in stride that the summer bills would be high because of our personal joys, which were swimming pools, Jacuzzis, ceiling fans, and air conditioners. So it was okay. We were willing to pay for our comfort, knowing that, come winter we could get a break on the electric bill with all-electric baseboard heat and the electric heat pump that we use to heat. Well, needless to say, that all changed when the electric company decided a benefit promise was to be taken away from paying customers before last winter without warning. Since then, we have sold our Jacuzzi. Thought about taking down our swimming pool. Stopped using air conditioners and reverted to floor fans to help us in rising costs of the electric company, knowing that they would no longer be a -- in winter, knowing it will only get worse, because how do you cut the cost of a warm home on a cold winter night and still enjoy your home. We are now contemplating getting

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1 quotes on making our home natural 2 gas/propane, and comparing prices for 3 future concerns of raising our electric costs without our benefit promise of an 5 all-electric home. We will not change б the heat source if this matter can be 7 resolved with a good outcome, as 8 everyone knows, electric heat is one of 9 the most expensive ways to heat unless 10 you have kept the promise from the 11 forefathers of the electric company. 12 That was supposed to be a lifetime. Т 13 now regret buying an all-electric home 14 because I could never sell it as long as 15the benefit promise is terminated, or if 16 I change the heat source other than 17 The dwelling is considered a high that. 18 risk home on a new market or selling 19Tell me how the working force of point. 20 today is supposed to not become the 21 future problems of tomorrow's government 22 problems. 23 We already see the effect on our 24 parents and elders. So what does our 25 future have in store for us? Please

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. 1	bring back the benefit promise of the
2	all-electric home that your forefathers
3	promised us." That's from Greg and
4	Deborah Likenbach. Thank you.
5	MR. PRICE: Mr. Corcoran.
6	MR. CORCORAN: Yes, I have one
7	question. Do you know where Mr. Biggs
8	is?
9	MS. NEILL: Yes. Mr. Biggs is in
10	North Carolina. And I can get an
11	address for you.
12	MR. PRICE: Eugene Koch.
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14	EUGENE KOCH,
15	After having been first duly sworn, as
16	hereinafter certified, was examined and testified
17	as follows:
18	MR. PRICE: Please state your name
19	and address for the record.
20	MR. KOCH: Eugene Koch. 7403 State
21	Route 113, Bellevue, Ohio, 44811.
22	MR. PRICE: Please proceed.
23	MR. KOCH: Okay. We built our new
24	home in 1960, and we was new into
25	electricity at that time because it was
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1	the coming thing, they said. And they
2	said, you won't need a chimney if you go
3	all-electric home. So I do not have a
4	chimney now. So therefore, I am stuck
5	with electricity. And then I just
6	bought a new 80-gallon water heater in
7	2003 and had to get the 80 gallon then.
8	But now I don't have to, I imagine.
9	Anyhow, in 2005 I used 36,617 kilowatts
10	and my bill for the whole year was
11	\$2,112.63. So that amounts to \$.05
12	cents \$.057 per kilowatt.
13	In 2009 I used 34,315 kilowatts.
14	And that came to a total of \$2,827.41
15	for the total year. So that averaged
16	\$.083 per kilowatt. So that's a raise
17	between 2005 and 2009, a raise of
18	\$714.17. So I think I'm stuck with it,
19	and that's all I have. Thank you.
20	MR. PRICE: Thank you. Bruce
21	Martin.
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23	BRUCE MARTIN,
24	After having been first duly sworn, as
25	hereinafter certified, was examined and testified

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1	as follows:
2	MR. PRICE: Please state your name
З	and address for the record.
4	MR. MARTIN: Bruce Martin, 7116
5	Parker Road, Castalia, Ohio.
6	MR. PRICE: Please proceed.
7	MR. MARTIN: When I heard that the
8	Public Utilities Commission was going to
9	be here for this hearing, I decided to
10	dig through my records. I live in an
11	all-electric home. I built the home in
12	1992. And I, through I believe it
13	was an advertisement in a local
14	newspaper. Ohio Edison/FirstEnergy was
15	introducing a program called the
16	Good Cents Program. And this had to
17	with, if you insulated your home to
18	their specks and put certain rated
19	windows in and an 80-gallon hot water
20	tank with a power commander control
21	unit, that they had incentives for going
22	with this program. One of them was a
23	\$500 rebate. So I decided to go that
24	way.
25	And when I heard about the change

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1	in the rates, I decided to dig through
2	my file cabinet, and I come up with
3	documentation. I'd like to present
4	that. Besides the photograph, the first
5	item I have is the original brochure on
6	the Good Cents Program that Ohio Edison
7	was offering at the time. It kind of
8	tells about it in here, the construction
9	specifications and whatnot. And inside
10	the cover here I'll read the last
11	paragraph here. It says tells about
12	the program. It says, "In every
13	Good Cents home is inspected by Ohio
14	Edison certified for comfort and energy
15	efficiency. For quality comfort and
16	saving you can count on, make Good Cents
17	the foundation of your plans."
18	The next item I have is the rate
19	sheet. And my rate was called the 11-B
20	optional heating and water heater rate.
21	It would be the one located on the
22	bottom. And it has in there the
23	representative from Ohio Edison wrote
24	those numbers in there. Under the first
25	550 kilowatt hours, I would be charged

\$.12 in the winter and \$.13 in the summer, and then I would see a price break with the next 350 kilowatt hours of \$.035 in winter and the same \$.035 in summer. So that is their -- that is their rate sheet that they gave me. At the top it says, "written contract required."

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The next item I have is a receipt for the \$500 rebate that I received for going with the Good Cents Program and the 80-gallon hot water tank and everything.

The second item that I have is -says, "Ohio Edison Company at the top. Residential service optional rate agreement." I believe it is an agreement that these rates would hold. And that's what this document says. And then all their terms and specifications. When I look at that, on the back of that, it says, "conditions and rate options." And when I read through there, I see nothing that states that they can discontinue or change

Page 54 1 these rates at any time. 2 The next item that I have in there 3 is the Good Cents standards checklist that the representative from Ohio Edison 4 5 checked off and stated that the house 6 did qualify for Good Cents Program. 7 And the next item I have is my 8 certificate that Ohio Edison sent me for 9 Good Cents, saying the house is a 10 Good Cents home. 11 One other item, too, when I go back 12 to the rate sheet, up there in the 13 bullet points, the third one down, I 14 think, is the important one. It says, 15 "can change with tenant change." So I 16 think that answers some questions that, 17 do these rates stay with the home or 18 not? And right there, it doesn't say it 19 will and it doesn't say it won't, 20 either. So it's inconclusive. 21 Then I had just some copies -- the 22 last items I had were some copies of 23 various bills. Bills that I had that 24 showed I was on the optional heating, 25 starting back in 1992. And I've had a

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couple other bills throughout the period of the years to show that I did receive that rate. And I think they took that rate off in -- maybe it was June of 2009 and switched to the regular residential rate. They didn't call it the optional heating anymore, the 11-B rate. So maybe that's when they changed my rates, according to the billing.

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Basically that's all I have. I would like to see the rates stay the same, as promised. And the photo that I have is my radio control power commander that they had me install -- or had my electrician install where they could shut the hot water tank down in the summer months, the 80-gallon hot water tank, during the peak energy draws for air conditioning.

MR. PRICE: I have a question. Did you say you built the house yourself? I mean, you were the contractor that built the house?

MR. MARTIN: Yes. I'm a carpenter by trade.

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Page 56 1 MR. PRICE: You dealt directly with 2 Ohio Edison, then? 3 MR. MARTIN: Yes. A representative from Ohio Edison. Yes. His name is on 5 the documents. б MR. SMALL: Your Honor. 7 MR. PRICE: Mr. Small. I'm sorry. 8 Mr. Martin, please. Do you have a 9 question? 10 MR. SMALL: I don't have a question for the witness, but as a matter of 11 12 procedure, are the documents that are 13 being presented going to be made part of 14 the record without motion by the 15 parties? 16 MR. PRICE: Yes. But Mr. Small, if 17 you would like that to be admitted into 18 evidence, you probably want to go ahead 19 and mark it and we'll admit it. 20 MR. SMALL: Well, if they're not 21 automatically going to be part of the 22 record, I'd like to move --23 MR. PRICE: Let's just be careful 24 with this one. 25 MR. SMALL: -- I would like to move

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Page 57 1 the records just submitted by the 2 previous witness be entered into the З record. 4 MR. PRICE: Mr. Burk, would you 5 like to review the documents? 6 MR. BURK: Based on our previous 7 discussion, I thought this was not going 8 to be a situation, that these documents 9 would be moved into the evidence at the 10 hearing. 11 MALE AUDIENCE MEMBER: Go to the 12 microphone. 13 MR. PRICE: Hold on one second, 14 please. I can't hear him if people are 15 talking. 16 Go ahead. Come up to the 17 microphone. 18 Based on our discussion MR. BURK: 19 before the hearing, it was my 20 understanding that the documents that 21 were presented by the witnesses tonight, 22 if they were to be introduced into the 23 evidentiary record that would occur 24 during the evidentiary hearing and not 25 automatically go into the evidentiary

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Page 58 1 record tonight but the final evidentiary 2 hearing, like other letters have been. 3 MR. PRICE: These are part of the 4 record in the hearing tonight. 5 Right. MR. BURK: 6 MR. PRICE: But I do think since 7 Mr. Small wants to move its admission, 8 that tonight would be fine. Ι 9 understand what we talked about before. 10 He's specifically moving instead. 11 MR. BURK: Well, yeah, I quess I 12 would like to review the documents. 13 MR. PRICE: Okay. What we're going 14 to do is we're going to give you a copy 15 of the documents now and we're going to 16 let you review them and we'll take up 17 the motion before we go off the record 18 tonight. 19 Does that work for you, Mr. Small? 20 MR. SMALL: Yes. 21 MR. PRICE: I just don't want to 22 hold up the other speakers. 23 MR. SMALL: I understand. Tf T 24 missed something, I didn't know that 25 there was discussion. If T missed

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something as far as how we were treating the introduction of documents, this is the first witness that had it, and I thought we would make it clear how we were entering --

MR. PRICE: I understand what you're saying.

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MR. SCHRIBER: And I thought I made it clear -- I tried to make it clear, when we introduced this, that everything would be a part of the record, okay, in this case because this is an evidentiary hearing.

MR. SMALL: I guess that was my original question. I'm sorry if I have to go through this again. But my original question is whether these were going to be automatically part of the record. I suppose, subject to any objections by witnesses. So you know, I will spare the forum of moving each and every time if that's going to be the rule.

MR. PRICE: I understand. It's just, I'm trying to distinguish here

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1 between the written statements that 2 people are giving and the actual 3 documents that this gentleman has 4 brought. And I'm simply trying to 5 handle these particularly carefully, 6 because I understand why you would want 7 to move them specifically into the 8 record.

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9 MR. SMALL: Yes. And I believe all 10 the other people were just reading off 11 of it and giving the document as 12 testimony. This is the first thing I 13 think is a document in and of itself 14 separate from the testimony. And if you 15 would clarify how we're going to handle 16 this going forward, I think Mr. Burk and 17 I are both a little bit confused about 18 this.

MR. PRICE: Right now Mr. Burk is
 looking at the documents. If we have
 other documents like this that come up,
 we'll deal with that. I just don't want
 him to say, you need to object now or
 forget it. Or have him say he's fine
 with it. So we're just going to give

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him a chance to review it. We're going to take further speakers and we'll take this question up tonight.

MR. SMALL: Should I rise when there are other documents, if there are documents?

MR. PRICE: Yes.

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MS. KAPTUR: Mr. Chairman, I may be speaking out of order. You can call me out of order. But one of the witnesses came up and neglected to show a particular medallion that he received. And I don't know whether it's important to place in the record or not. But Mr. Koch failed to show what I consider to be a piece of evidence. MR. PRICE: Okay. MS. KAPTUR: But I thought you

might take an amendment to his testimony at this point, before you call the next witness, if that's allowable.

MR. PRICE: I don't think there is anything wrong with bringing Mr. Koch back up, if he would like to show his medallion.

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1	MS. KAPTUR: Mr. Koch, can you just
2	come up and show what you have?
3	Thank you, sir. And I thank the
4	panel very, very much. Why don't you
5	explain what it is.
6	MR. KOCH: This is what I got from
7	the electric company in 1960 when they
8	were moving in to build the first
9	electric homes.
10 ,	MR. SMALL: So as far as this
11	witness, OCC would move the admission of
12	this medallion, yes.
13	MR. PRICE: I don't think I
14	think Mr. Koch would kind of like to
15	have his medallion back, but we'll note
16	your motion at this point.
17	I'm sure he doesn't want this going
18	into the mission archives at this
19	point.
20	Okay. We would like to call
21	Representative Dennis Murray at this
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24	DENNIS MURRAY,
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MR. PRICE: Please state your name and business address for the record.

MR. MURRAY: Dennis Murray. And my business address is Capital Square in Columbus. You know, I wasn't planning on -- first of all, thank you for hosting this hearing here in Sandusky. I think all of us here really do appreciate that. I wasn't planning on speaking tonight. I just wanted to listen. But I've heard enough over the last couple of months and I've had a sort of change in my own view of this situation, and I sort of wanted to offer a perspective that is part institutional, part based upon watching this evidentiary record grow and part of a plea for examination of, perhaps, more creative solutions to the problem that has been introduced today.

First, one of the things that I'm sure that all of you up there see and all of your fellow commissioners,

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1	Chairman Schriber, can see is that the
2	people who are coming here tonight are
3	not looking for something for free.
4	They are deeply concerned. These are
5	very sober, mature members of our
6	society. And they really feel as though
7	there has been a great injustice done,
8	that the rate change really was was
9	more than just a legal matter. It's
10	almost an impression of a covenant that
11	they feel has been broken. And their
12	trust in the public institutions is
13	servient. So I wanted suggest that your
14	consideration well, I'm sure that you
15	already have. The what goes along
16	with that, I think, is, at the same
17	time, perhaps we would say it's a
18	failure of the legal system because the
19	kinds of promises that we're talking
20	been and I could take exception with
21	some characterizations of what it is
22	that was promised, but in general, it's
23	not a legally enforceable promise in the
24	traditional sense, that we have a
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that we can go forward into a court of law and enforce that.

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Part of the reason for that, of course, as you know, one of the doctrines that's drawn up -- right or wrong -- I think it's wrong, but one of the doctrines that's drawn up that the courts have established, and I think with the PUCO's encouragement -- I assume it's with their encouragement, because it's been there for a long time, is that most people don't have the ability to go into court and enforce these kinds of qualms or issues, quarrels with the utility. They have to go before the PUCO.

So it shifts from the legal ground, where I've spent most of my career working, into an agency realm where we are doing something that's a little bit unusual, I think. More so than is typically the case, we are asking you to do justice, to do equity, to figure out how to do what a court would do in your venue. And so that makes it an unusual

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Page 66 1 proceeding. I realize it's an unusual 2 problem, because here we're trying to З figure out how to take this existing promise that many people feel very 5 strongly about, and I think that with 6 time we have seen this is not some urban 7 legend, that this is something that's 8 very real. And Jude Theibert said it exactly right: We're not going to find 9 10 the smoking gun, but there's a 11 smoldering gun and we all sort of see 12 that it's down there. 13 But it's difficult figuring out how 14 to deal with this problem at the same 15 time when legislature has said to the 16 Utility Commission and to the power 17 generators that you have to reduce 18 consumption over a period of time with 19 their existing customers. So we need to 20 figure out a way to incent those couple 21 different ideas that are going on. And 22 with all due respect to the staff, the 23 report that was issued -- I think it was 24 last month. Maybe it was the beginning 25 of this month -- didn't have what I

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would have hoped to have seen, it was a full range of options.

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The folks here aren't looking for a deal that's too good to be true. They're not looking for their rates to be frozen in time forever and ever and When I have individual ever. conversations with many people here, they understand that energy costs have gone up for everyone and they are perfectly willing, in my judgement, on average, in the whole -- on the whole, I should say, to bear their share of increased costs of energy. So somehow the rate going forward needs to be paid to changing natural gas prices. I think that most people here would accept that.

And with respect to the declining block method, whether that's going to -whether we're going to have that going forward, that's inconsistent with other things the legislature has said to you. I understand that. So perhaps the declining block needs to remain in

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1	place, but its steps need to change over
2	time to take into account the fact that
3	we need to reduce consumption over a
4	period of time. So there is an
5	incentive to where you can reduce
б	consumption.
7	But the other big part of the
8	equation that we really haven't
9	addressed we haven't addressed much
10	here. I don't see a report addressing
11	this it's the who pays question. I
12	think Chairman, you've put it that way.
13	And I think that we can actually do
14	something more creative with that, going
15	forward. I think, my suggestion would
16	be to examine a structure that says,
17	okay, for the time being, if we put all
18	of this on FirstEnergy or on any of the
19	other companies involved that have
20	offered all-electric discounts, that may
21	be too much. In the end, what we may
22	end up doing is we may end up increasing
23	our own costs. Because it would drive
24	up capital costs because they're going
25	to have a lower profit margin and

they're just going to have to pay more in interest rates to do what they need to do to build out the system and maintain it.

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But what I would suggest is that over -- that the Commission examine shifting that over a period of time so that more and more and more is born by the utility, more of this cost is born by the utility. And that way it gives them an appropriate incentive to go to the homeowners and perhaps offer a buyout and say, okay, this is what we'll We will bring you back to market do: rates if you don't want this offer. But here's the offer. It's going to be --I don't know -- whatever it takes, to put in a new furnace, put a gas line Give them the options that they there. lost when they accepted the all-electric deal.

So I think in doing that, we would be able to treat all of the existing homeowners fairly. We would be able to take into account the concerns that the

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1	general assembly and, really, the people
2	of Ohio have expressed to reduce our
3	energy consumption over time, and we
4	would provide an appropriate incentive
5	for that to occur. So those are the
6	couple of thoughts I wanted to offer
7	tonight so, good luck with you and thank
8	you for resting with this very difficult
9	problem.
10	MR. PRICE: Okay. Our next witness
11	is Joan Macino.
12	MS. MACINO: I would like to pass.
13	MR. PRICE: Thank you. Then our
14	next one is T. Orman.
15	MR. ORMAN: I'll pass. Can't add
16	anything to the excellent testimony.
17	MR. PRICE: Thank you. Our next
18	witness, then, is Richard Pitsinger.
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20	RICHARD PITSINGER,
21	After having been first duly sworn, as
22	hereinafter certified, was examined and testified
23	as follows:
24	MR. PRICE: Please state your name
25	and address for the record.

MR. PITSINGER: Richard Pitsinger. 9617 Mudbrook Road, Huron, Ohio, Erie County, Milan Township.

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In 1965 I bought my first piece of property and it had a home on it that needed remodeled. We started the task of remodeling the home. We went out and applied for permanent -- or not permanent, but temporary service so we can do -- do our job. And it wasn't long after we applied for the temporary service, Ohio Edison came to my door and asked what kind of heat we were going to put in this home. At that time we were thinking of oil because that was the only option that we had out there. And so the representative came out, gave us a story about they can do better than And the way we were tearing the oil. our house down and everything that we needed to do it by gutting it and everything was just what they were looking for because of the way it needed to be insulated and to put the ceiling system in the home, the way they needed

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Page 72 1 it. 2 And we agreed, at that point, to go 3 along with that method as long as we 4 followed their recommendations, which 5 was, we had all-electric appliances; 6 heating, water; 80-gallon water heater; 7 200-amp service and a ceiling cable and 8 we would get a special discounted rate 9 if we went through this program. So 10 we -- it was something we thought we 11 could live with, so we proceeded with 12 that agreement. 13 And we lived there ten years. And 14 everything worked just fine. In 1974, 15 '75 Ohio Edison bought our property 16 through eminent domain because they were 17 going to build a power plant there. So 18we had to sell. We had to buy like 19 property. We could not find like 20 property. So we bought bare land and 21 built a new home. We liked what we had 22 before. We went to Ohio Edison. We

home if we could get the discounted rate. They said yes, it would work that

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asked if we would build an all-electric

way. The only thing was they had new updates on the recommendations of what they -- you had to put in the home in order to qualify.

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They sent your engineers out. They figured up what we needed, how it was to be done, what kind of electric system that we wanted to put in and gave us a price and told us what it was going to cost us a month to heat this home. And it was very reasonable. We were -because we liked what we had before, we went along with the program. And as time went along, the electric bill started to increase a little bit. So we decided we was going to have to do something different to get a better handle on the way our consumption was. And that's when we went to the -- they put a demand meter in, and then the demand meter was fine as long as you watched what you were doing and didn't let the demand meter get too high, or otherwise you're going to pay the premium price.

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1 So then we went to a controller 2 that controlled the demand meter, which З met this and started shutting the 4 furnace off, which was nice and 5 convenient, especially when we worked during the daytime. Both my wife and I 6 7 were working, and then in the evening, that's the only time we had time to do 8 9 whatever we were doing. And then it was 10 difficult as the furnace started to shut 11 off, the house started cooling down, the 12 dryer didn't work, all that other 13 stuff.

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14 So in 1995, '96, because we didn't 15 have AC, we decided we would like to 16 have air conditioning. Ohio Edison was 17 pushing, at that time, geothermal. So 18 we contacted them to see about what we 19 could do. And they sent an engineer 20 out. His name was Mr. Bill Miese. He 21 looked at our home. Sized our home. 22 Told us what we needed, what we were 23 going to have to spend. And Ohio Edison 24 would give us \$1,500 as incentives to go 25 to the program. So this is what we

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1	did. And after they were there looking
2	around, they noticed our water heater
3	was 20 years old. Even though it was
4	still working, they gave us a deal if we
5	put a new water heater in that allowed
6	them to put a controller on the outside
7	where they could shut it off in the
8	summer time where the demand was high.
9	They would give us a good rate on the
10	water heater, which gave we went
11	along with and they installed that. We
12	agreed to all this
13	MR. PRICE: Excuse me, sir.
14	MR. PITSINGER: Yes.
15	MR. PRICE: What year was the
16	installation of the new water tank?
17	MR. PITSINGER: The installation?
18	MR. PRICE: What year was it they
19	installed it?
20	MR. PITSINGER: What year?
21	MR. PRICE: Yes.
22	MR. PITSINGER: It was
23	approximately in '95, '96.
24	MR. PRICE: Thank you.
25	MR. PITSINGER: That's the year

Page 761they put the GEO in. That's when they2were in my basement and they noticed we3had the older tank.

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We agreed to all this and we were happy with the AC. And Mr. Miese also advised us that the demand was no longer being used because there was a special rate that we were getting. So we took out the demand controller because it wasn't needed anymore. And also Mr. Miese showed up at our home a couple times after we got the GEO put in to fine tune it to make sure it was doing what it was designed to do.

15 Ohio Edison -- Ohio Energy or 16 whatever you want to call them, said 17 that they -- sent me a letter in the 18 spring of this year stating, in part, 19 that the reason that they were not going 20 to give us the discounted rate for an 21 all-electric home was because the 22 discounted rate did not encourage 23 conservation. So that kind of -- it 24 upset me a little bit because we had 25 spent thousands of dollars changing

things over through the years to manage our consumption, and then after all -through the years of all the insulation, insulated windows -- we went out and bought all new windows, top-of-the-line water heater, managers, load managers, geothermal, more insulation and then the addition of storm windows, this was all done at my expense to keep my consumption down. So with both of us being retired and we're on fixed incomes, we cannot afford the new rate that they're trying to put through at this time. And it is our opinion that this was a contract. I don't have any documentation for it to prove it. But through the years, they agreed to these conditions, they applied and we agreed with them. And our understanding, that they made their agreement, they should have to live with it. Basically that's all I have to say. Thank you. MR. PRICE: Thank you. Mr. Small. MR. SMALL: I just have a couple questions. You mentioned that you put

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1	in a demand meter. Could you tell me
2	what year that was?
3	MR. PITSINGER: Demand meter?
4	MR. SMALL: Yes.
5	MR. PITSINGER: I really can't
6	don't remember.
7	MR. SMALL: Okay. And what year
8	was it taken out?
9	MR. PITSINGER: Demand meter is
10	still there. They just don't read it
11	anymore. They quit reading it after we
12	put the Geothermal in.
13	MR. SMALL: What was it that you
14	said why was it that it wasn't needed
15	anymore?
16	MR. PITSINGER: We were told, the
17	reason being was because we were the
18	geothermal had cut our we were using
19	over 5,000 kilowatts a month in the
20	wintertime. With the geothermal, that
21	cut that down to about 30 3,000. So
22	they told us that because of that
23	reason, the demand meter would not be
24	beneficial to us because we wouldn't be
25	using it anymore.

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1	MR. SMALL: You can save money by
2	going off
3	MR. PITSINGER: Right.
4	MR. SMALL: And do you know the
5	location of Mr. Miese at the present
6	time?
7	MR. PITSINGER: Mr. Miese?
8	MR. SMALL: Yes.
9	MR. PITSINGER: It's my
10	understanding he lives somewhere in a
11	Norwalk address, but I'm not positive.
12	MR. SMALL: Okay. Thank you very
13	much.
14	MR. PRICE: Thank you. Thank you,
15	Mr. Small.
16	Our next witness is Andrew Kocis.
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18	ANDREW KOCIS,
19	After having been first duly sworn, as
20	hereinafter certified, was examined and testified
21	as follows:
22	MR. PRICE: Please state your name
23	and address for the record.
24	MR. KOCIS: My name is Andrew
25	Kocis. I live at 5420 Hayes Avenue,

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1	Sandusky, Ohio, Perkins Township,
2	44870. I apologize. I have a hearing
3	impairment. If I'm talking loud, people
4	in the back will love it.
5	MR. PRICE: You're just fine.
6	MR. KOCIS: I purchased my current
7	house on Hayes Avenue on or about
В	January '05. Prior to closing on it, I
9	contacted Ohio Edison and asked about
10	the electric rate for this all-electric
11	house. I was assured by their
12	representative that I would indeed be
13	grand fathered into a low rate, along
14	with the ability to control my demand,
15	by use of the already installed demand
16	control center, in the house and being
17	currently used.
18	The cost of electricity, since it
19	was and remains the only major source of
20	power to heat my house, it was a major
21	concern for me. I had never before
22	owned an all-electric house and was
23	leery of having all my eggs in one
24	basket. But since I was assured by Ohio
25	Edison's representative I would be

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guaranteed a lower rate for the entire time I would live in this house, well, I decided to go ahead and purchase the house. The rep also told me that I would be the last person to enjoy the grandfather clause. He told me that should I sell the house, that the new owner would not be guaranteed the lower rate. With this assurance by Ohio Edison, I went ahead and closed on the house. For the next three years or so, I did enjoy the lower rates that were assured to me.

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I would also like to mention the fact that by using the demand control center in the house, I was able to tailor my usage during the cold winters. This also led to a reduced usage of electricity, thus contributing to the energy conservation that is so much on everyone's mind, and it should be.

With the rate increases that Ohio Edison has implemented over the last year and a half, it has taken the demand

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center and removed it right out of my equation. I can't use it. It doesn't matter whether I use it or not.

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Now comes Ohio Edison and/or PUCO with the decision that the promise that was made to me by Ohio Edison is no longer valid and will not be honored. I retired and I'm on a fixed income, three years ago. I knew I was retiring when I bought this all-electric house, and the low rate was a big factor on buying a house and retirement, when I did both. With the rates now being used, I find myself going downhill financially.

¹⁵ Social Security did not go up and ¹⁶ neither does my pension check. I knew ¹⁷ my pension check would not go up. I was ¹⁸ also told that my electric rate would ¹⁹ not go up either. That didn't pan out. ²⁰ At least my pension guarantors did not ²¹ lie to me.

As each month goes by, my financial picture becomes bleaker. What Ohio Edison had done to me is like my mortgage lender all of a sudden telling

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me that my percentage rate on my loan is being raised. I trusted Ohio Edison to give me what they promised and what they said they would. They did for a while, but now they are not. When I promised somebody something, then they could take me at my word.

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In summations, I cannot continue to pay the higher rates in effect now and possibly much higher in the very near future. Nobody wants to buy an all-electric house, even if the housing market stabilizes. And I can't afford the higher bills now or later. I implore the PUCO and/or whoever has the power and control to have the grand fathered rates reinstated as they were promised to me and everybody else.

And last by not least, since I do have a hearing problem, I'm not really sure what went on with that the paperwork that was given to you by this fellow here. It seemed like it was musical chairs with it. What happened with that? I couldn't hear back there.

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1	MR. PRICE: We're just discussing
2	admission of those particular
3	documents.
4	MR. KOCIS: The what.
5	MR. PRICE: The admission into
6	evidence of those particular documents.
7	Just lawyer stuff.
8	MR. KOCIS: I just didn't like
9	seeing it going from there to there.
10	MR. PRICE: Just lawyer stuff.
11	MR. KOCIS: Sir, who are you?
12	MR. SMALL: I'm with sir, I am
13	with the Ohio Consumers Counsel.
14	MR. KOCIS: Thank you.
15	MR. PRICE: Mr. Kocis, I need you
16	to tell me again, for the record, what
17	year did you purchase your house?
18	MR. KOCIS: I actually purchased it
19	in December 24th, '04. I found that out
20	right after I typed this up.
21	MR. SCHRIBER: I'm going to ask
22	this poor woman to my right who has been
23	typing for an hour and 45 minutes, could
24	we take a little break, give her a rest
25	and get out from under these lights.
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(Thereupon, a recess was had.)

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4 MR. SCHRIBER: We're going to get 5 back on the record here, if we can, 6 please. And again, I'll -- I will say 7 that if anybody is wearing down or 8 basically concurs with what you've 9 already heard, you can please submit 10 whatever you may have in writing. You 11 know, we don't expect everybody to stay 12 out late if they chose not to, 13 otherwise, we're here to hear what you 14 got to say. I already said we're back 15 on the record, so proceed. 16 MR. PRICE: Our next witness is 17 Louis Lane. 18 19 LOUIS LANE, 20 After having been first duly sworn, as 21 hereinafter certified, was examined and testified 22 as follows: 23 MR. PRICE: Please state your name 24 and address for the record. 25 MR. LANE: Louis B. Lane. 6402

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Page 86 1 Parker Road, Castalia, Ohio, Erie 2 County, Margaretta Township. З MR. PRICE: Please proceed. MR. LANE: Back in '72 when I got 4 5 out of the Navy, we bought the piece of property. '73, '74 we started putting 6 7 up the house. I went to propane because 8 south of Bogart Road there is no natural 9 gas out that way. I checked on fuel oil 10 and I checked with Ohio Edison on the 11 electric. I talked to George Houston 12 and Arthur Fedworth that worked for Ohio 13 Edison. George Houston was the sales 14 rep at that time. And he showed me --15 he figured it up on the computer or 16 paper and that, showed me what the rates 17 would be if we went all electric instead 18 of propane or the fuel oil. So we 19 decided we would go with all electric. 20 And that rate, he said, would be there 21 until we either sold the house or died. 22 One of the two. And that was on a 23 handshake. 24 So then here a few years after 25 that, Ohio Edison says, well, you got to

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do something. So we put in new windows, new roof, all new insulation, put in the demand control. And Frank Sher put that in. Okay. We run that way.

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Then Ohio Edison come out and said, hey, you put this box on the outside of your house, you put this hot water heater in, 80-gallon hot water heater in, you'll get a little bit more discount on your electric.

Okay. Fine and dandy. They drilled through the side of the house, hooked all this stuff up, bingo. Now you guys want to change this. I'm just saying that if the people before you was good enough for a handshake with them, why can't you people just go ahead and do what they did. Okay. You guys got this rate and keep it. Because I'm ready to retire, and when you guys cut that other rate, our electric bill doubled. And we've learned -- my wife won't even turn the furnace on until the first of November. I mean, you could freeze to death half the time. She

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1	says, grab another blanket or
2	something.
3	If you guys promised us, stay with
4	it. That's all I have to say.
5	MR. PRICE: Our next witness is
6	Rosemary Riedy.
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8	ROSEMARY RIEDY,
9	After having been first duly sworn, as
10	hereinafter certified, was examined and testified
11	as follows:
12	MR. PRICE: Please state your name
13	and address for the record.
14	MS. REIDY: My name is Rosemary
15	Reidy, 205 East Bogart Road, Sandusky,
16	Ohio, 44870.
17	In 1984, my mother, Dorothy R.
18	Reidy, and my sister, Kathleen Jo Reidy
19	and I built our all-electric, geothermal
20	home. We learned of Ohio Edison's new
21	technology of geothermal heat from
22	Mr. Bill Mieses. And it's spelled
23	M-I-E-S-E-S, at phone number:
24	419-627-6802, from Ohio Edison.
25	My sister and I were verbally told

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if we purchased their geothermal heating system we would be given an optional heating rate, which would save us money down the road, even though it initially cost us \$3,000 more at that time, in 1994, more than traditional natural gas.

We were also told we would have to purchase and maintain an 80-gallon electric hot water tank. So when our water tank went out -- and I think it was in 2003 -- we replaced it with another 80-gallon hot water tank.

We were further led to believe this optional heating rate with our geothermal heating system would be a future selling point for our home if we decided to sell it to a new owner. We were further enticed when we were showed records of a person at -- and I've got the records right here. Sorry. And I'd rather not -- because of the Privacy Act, I would rather not name the person's name on here, but his name is on here. And his address is on here,

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1	and it's address 7103 South Hayes Ave,
2	who purchased this optional heating
3	system rate, and their cost savings,
4	which could be our cost savings.
5	We I was further shown I
6	was. My sister wasn't. But I was
7	further showed a geothermal house, which
8	was a brown house on South Hayes Ave,
9	and talked personally to the owner who,
10	if I remember correctly, was an Ohio
11	Edison employee, to further entice me.
12	I am now a retired public
13	schoolteacher. Lost my sister to breast
14	cancer last year. So I am the only
15	person to pay the expenses of this
16	house, as I lost 50 percent of my income
17	when I lost my sister.
18	I wear two and three sweaters and a
19	hat and close off rooms so I can afford
20	my electric bill. Because of the
21	removal of my optional heat rate, who is
22	going to buy my house? I'll probably
23	lose it. My sister and I felt with this
24	geothermal heating in our house we, as
25	retired teachers we were both

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teachers -- would be able to retire and pay our bills. Now it looks like I may not even be able to keep my house, nor even sell it.

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Do I have written proof? I may have thrown it away when I replaced my qeothermal heating system in 2008 when I don't know. I may have it went out. lost it in a house fire that I had last year. I don't know. I have looked at what few papers I do have from Ohio Edison, and guess what, Ohio Edison's name is not on any paperwork. However, this many people saying the same -- they were told -- told the same thing. We can't all be wrong. Not this many people. We were told and we all heard their verbal promises. Their verbal contract of special all-electric heating rates for buying their electricity and in my case, their geothermal technology.

As my representative, I am asking you, the PUCO, to make Ohio Edison live up to their oral contract with all of us

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1	electric homeowners and restore the
2	special rates permitted that we were
3	promised. Thank you.
4	MR. PRICE: Robert Brown.
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6	ROBERT BROWN,
7	After having been first duly sworn, as
8	hereinafter certified, was examined and testified
9	as follows:
10	MR. PRICE: Please state your name
11	and address for the record.
12	MR. BROWN: My name is Robert K.
13	Brown, Jr. and I reside at 410
14	Morningside Court, Sandusky, Ohio in
15	Burton Township. And I just want to
16	make a few comments here.
17	It's all about competition, at
18	least it used to be. We purchased our
19	house is in 1986. And before we did
20	that, I went through the records of
21	heating and heating with electric
22	heat for the house we have now, and I
23	went through the records that I had for
24	our home that had both gas and
25	electric. This new house was about 20

percent higher to operate, but it was about 20 percent larger, also, so it was a no-brainer.

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Now, back then they were very competitive between the gas and the electric. From -- I have a spreadsheet here that I will give to you from July of 2009 through October 2010 for my residence. The summation of this is that, in that time frame, 483 days, we used 37,937 kilowatt hours of electricity. And I won't bore you with the conversion of the BTUs of that. Τ compared that with an estimated gas usage for heating only. Last year, within that time frame of 483 days, Edison -- Ohio Edison got \$4,635. And what I did as an engineer, I took out the baseline of 1,440 kilowatt hours for 24/7 for that entire time as a baseline for electricity. Electric bill dropped, for that time, \$800.27. Then I added in the gas that I would use to replace that electric. And total for that came to natural gas operating costs for just the

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1	heating season, \$931. A total to run
2	the house at that, including electric
3	and gas, \$931, was \$3,758, for the net
4	loss to me of \$877 for 483 day
5	time span.
6	Right now Edison does not appear to
7	be competitive at my house with the gas
8	company. And we cannot put in gas
9	heat. There is no way to do that. So
10	I'd like to give you this sheet, if I
11	may. And I'll step down.
12	MR. PRICE: Our next witness is
13	James Schaoenegge sorry.
14	Our next witness Shirley White.
15	Dick Barnes?
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17	DICK BARNES,
18	After having been first duly sworn, as
19	hereinafter certified, was examined and testified
20	as follows:
21	MR. PRICE: Please state your name
22	and address for the record.
23	MR. BARNES: Dick Barnes, 904
24	Hidden Valley, Huron, Ohio. My problem
25	is different than all of these people.

I am naive. Okay. I bought in, August of 2007, a really nice condo. At that stage of the game I was told, verbally, by a really nice, honest realtor that my monthly budget would probably be about \$120 a month. I didn't quite believe that, but she checked it with the owner, whom I believe is an ex-football coach in one of the schools, him to be honest, as he said yes, that's what it would be.

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We bought the house. We moved in. Loved it. January the 4th I got a \$500 electric bill. I'm thinking, Wow, man. I'm going to be 80 years old. How am I going to do that?

I'll figure that out. Okay. What I then did, I called Ohio Edison. The representative -- not your representative, but he was a really nice guy. And I've talked to him three or four times and he helped me as much as he can. He stated a lot of the things that you people are hearing right now to me. But I think we're all kind of

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Page 96 1 entrapped. I'm entrapped because I 2 trusted my realtor. I trusted the 3 seller. I trusted everybody. I then 4 decided in February -- the Ohio Edison 5 guy said "call PUCO." I did that. 6 Now, I want to tell you that at 7 that stage of the game -- and I have it 8 written at home -- that the lady on the 9 phone stated to me that the PUCO was not 10 involved at all with any special rates 11 that Ohio Edison would offer to people; 12 season rates or whatever you want to 13 call them. 14 I said, "I find that hard too 15 believe, but if that's what the case 16 is" -- so I just backed down. I had 17 reinsulated my condo. I had switched to 18 a heat pump. I spent over \$12,000 doing 19 this so I could bring my bill down. And 20 let me be honest with you, I have 21 reduced my consumption by about 35 22 percent, which is going to get it back 23 to me. But when somebody comes here 24 today and says I have lost 30 percent of 25 what I paid in August of '07 on my

condo, now you guys are talking 75 or \$80,000. I can only rebound so many times. I really, truly feel that you people -- not you, the PUCO, but whoever represents Ohio Edison has entrapped everybody.

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Now, why in the heck wouldn't they send out a notice to every real estate firm in Erie County -- and they sent a card out. It was about this big that I finally got from Ohio Edison, saying that a new owner -- that the rates wouldn't pass through. I didn't know that, and I really feel like I'm the most stupid guy sitting in the room. Because I have no contracts. I having nothing. I love where I am. I'm not going to leave. I'll fight it through, but how do you do that. I think the PUCO needs to say to Ohio Edison, You guys needs to pull all your goat strings because you're hurting a lot of people, I mean, it's really simple here. man. Thank you very much. MR. PRICE: Frank Fox? Fox, I

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1	think. Frank Fox. Okay.
2	Edward Cullen?
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4	EDWARD CULLEN,
5	After having been first duly sworn, as
6	hereinafter certified, was examined and testified
7	as follows:
8	MR. PRICE: Please state your name
9	and address for the record.
10	MR. CULLEN: Edward Cullen, 3206
11	Maple Avenue, Castalia, Ohio. I don't
12	have a prepared statement. I was
13	looking for this packet right up to the
14	time I left. But I built a home in
15	1998. And in '97 I was trying to
16	determine what kind of heating system I
17	was going to put in. And I talked with
18	the people from Ohio Edison. And they
19	told me that I was considering
20	geothermal, and they told me that I
21	would get a discounted rate if I went
22	with geothermal and the 80-gallon hot
23	water tank and, you know, all their
24	qualifications. And so after
25	considering everything, the geothermal

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was -- it was approximately 6,500 more to install than an average gas or propane system. So -- but I decided, with the savings that I would save down the road, that I went with the geothermal.

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This packet here that I got, I looked -- I found -- I have a letter from Ohio Edison. They made this packet up for me. It's a binder. It's got all this information in it. I didn't throw it together. But in this packet, they tell me how the geothermal works. They show me the calculation for my size home, how much I would save versus a natural gas system and propane system. And then it gives me my rates that they will charge me. They were going to put me under the 11-B rate. I think you already heard about that earlier. But I would like to read one -- one paragraph, the last paragraph. It's the rate reduction and freeze.

They told me that, you know, I would always have a discount. And the

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1	paragraph reads, "Ohio Edison has
2	received approval from the Public
3	Utilities Commission of Ohio on our new
4	rate plan. This plan will lower
5	customer costs for electric service, and
6	cap base rates until the year 2006,
7	extending our current five-year rate
8	freeze for an additional ten-year
9	period. In 2006 rates will then be
10	reduced for all customers by
11	approximately 20 percent."
12	You know, A: They led me to
13	believe they told me I would always
14	be a discounted rate. And my my
15	rates my bills in 2008 nearly
16	doubled my heating bill nearly
17	doubled from 200 to 400. And that is
18	not what it says in here. And, you
19	know, that's not what they told all
20	these people, and that's not what's
21	right here in writing. That's all I
22	would like to say.
23	Like I said, I just this is the
24	only copy I did not make a copy. I
25	didn't have time. I will make a copy of

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1	this and mail it to you. That's all I
2	have.
3	MR. PRICE: Thank you. Our next
4	witness is Kathleen Damschroder.
5	MS. DAMSCHRODER: I pass.
6	MR. PRICE: Robert Smith.
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8	ROBERT SMITH,
9	After having been first duly sworn, as
10	hereinafter certified, was examined and testified
11	as follows:
12	MR. PRICE: Please state your name
13	and address for the record.
14	MR. SMITH: Robert L. Smith, 1703
15	Deitrick Street, Sandusky, Ohio.
16	About a month and a half ago I was
17	here and we had almost a full house.
18	And then I found out it was only a town
19	meeting. But it was pretty impressive
20	with everybody setting up there. I
21	thought, well, something is going to
22	happen, hopefully.
23	I got a little different complaint,
24	I guess, if you want to call it a
25	complaint. I look at it as another way

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1	of increasing your electric bill. I
2	have an all-electric home. I have one
3	of the first boilers, probably, in the
4	State of Ohio. The serial number was
5	three digits. And that was sold
6	throughout the United States. And it
7	did a great job for me.
8	I did everything else that Ohio
9	Edison Company asked me to do. In fact,
10	I worked for Ohio Edison Company in
11	sales department. And my father always
12	said, never bite the hand that feeds
13	you. And I believe that. In fact, I
14	think I hope I don't give somebody
15	the wrong impression, but I guess fact
16	is fact.
17	If the factory that builds
18	automobiles would buy the same brand, we
19	probably wouldn't be in the situation we
20	are now. I know that the automobile
21	companies wouldn't. Anyhow, about
22	I'm sorry. I don't have the material
23	with me to say exactly what that date
24	was, but around four years ago my bill
25	went up from 150 to two-hundred and

almost 50 dollars. 240-some dollars, which is guite an increase. Explanation came with it, that since you are no . longer all electric but you are dual fuel. And I -- I'm not dual fuel. Ι have never been a dual fuel. Back when we had -- I think, in the '70s when we had that blizzard, we were fortunate enough to have hot water heat and we kept our home at about 50 degrees for another day and a half. We were out of power. And after that I said to my wife, we have to do something to prevent us being or having to move out of our house because it got too cold.

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So we put in a fireplace, which is actually vented outside. It uses no inside air. And we put in two hundredgallon tanks of propane.

Now, granted, once in a while we did burn it. People came -- you know, friends came over, and needless to say, we'd turn it on and show it to them and so forth. We didn't use it to heat our home. You couldn't heat the home with

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1	it. We could have lived in the family
2	room without any problem, if we were
3	totally out of electric. But by the
4	same token, we have a hot water tank,
5	also, the 80 gallon. We also have a
6	control on it which controls when that
7	hot water tank is on. In other words,
8	at peak usage, Ohio Edison Company turns
9	it off. Well, they're still doing it.
10	Now, you know, if they took me off of
11	the all-electric home cost or so
12	forth schedule, they didn't take that
13	part off. They kept it.
14	So I really feel that it was and
15	from what I understand here, some of
16	these rate increases at the time that it
17	occurred, it appears to me as though
18	that was about the time that Edison
19	okay, let's try and find anything we can
20	find to start increasing these rates.
21	Well, now, I can't I'm not going
22	to stand here and say I would believe
23	we've been in our home for 30 well,
24	actually in the home for 42 years
25	MRS. SMITH: 45.

MR. SMITH: 45. thank you. I keep my brains over there. But anyhow, we didn't have electric. We turned all the way over to electric because I did work for the Ohio Edison Company. And they all told me, oh, man you can beat the You can beat them by hundreds of das. dollars. And I was paying a pretty good price back then for usage of gas. So I went and changed. Plus the fact, they say that the contracts. Well, okay, no, I don't have a contract. I -- the only thing I have is verbal. I do have intent, because up until, I think, 2005, maybe 2006, I've been charged at a certain rate, a good rate that afforded my 1,700 square feet home. It's a ranch, not very large, but sufficient. And our bill was running about -- and that's with air conditioning, our bill was running about \$150, \$154 a month. And we were on a scheduled payment. So that kind of a jump and the fact

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that they said you are no longer -- and they said, well, we have proof that you

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1	have dual fuel now. Well, how about
2	people that have a fireplace with wood.
3	That's dual fuel. I mean, I think every
4	electric home that was ever built
5	probably has a fireplace in it. Am I
6	wrong? We have a builder here? Am I
7	wrong?
8	MR. CORCORAN: I'm not allowed to
9	testify.
10	MR. SMITH: I don't think I am. At
11	least I can walk in a lot of them and I
12	see a fireplace, but anyhow. So that's
13	my complaint. I don't expect to go on
14	forever at the same price. I realize
15	that cost of living has gone up in
16	everything. When you're retired, like I
17	am my wife hasn't. She's a
18	bookkeeper and she won't retire. She
19	said she couldn't live with me at home
20	24 hours a day. I understand that. But
21	I do know that it will go up somewhat.
22	But I don't expect it to go up by 35, 40
23	percent. And that's basically what I
24	was looking at and telling me. I mean,
25	that's a down right it's a lie. What

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they're saying that we're doing. And it's wrong. And they won't do anything about it. They said, well, you're dual fuel. Period. That's all I have to say.

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MR. PRICE: Thank you. Mr. Small? MR. SMALL: Just one clarification. At the very beginning of your testimony you made mention of, you were told that this is only a town meeting. Who were you told that by? No. The one a week --MR. SMITH: a month and a half ago was a town meeting. MR. SMALL: The earlier one? MR. SMITH: Yes. And you understood this MR. SMALL: is an evidentiary meeting? I didn't understand MR. SMITH: that the other one was a town meeting. MR. SMALL: I understand. MR. SMITH: I thought with all the people here and all the representatives, that it meant something. But I guess it

didn't mean a stupid thing. And we had

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1	three times the people we have here
2	tonight bitching.
3	MR. SMALL: Thank you. That's all.
4	MR. SMITH: You're welcome.
5	MR. SCHRIBER: Well, the difference
6	here, sir, is that the decision makers
7	are here now. The decision makers were
8	not there.
9	MR. SMITH: But my point is I'm
10	sorry. I already said it, so
11	MR. PRICE: Thank you. Our next
12	witness and I'm really struggling to
13	read this correctly is Ann Porter.
14	Portery? Pottery?
15	Sue Claus?
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17	SUE CLAUS,
18	After having been first duly sworn, as
19	hereinafter certified, was examined and testified
20	as follows:
21	MR. PRICE: Please state your name
22	and address for the record.
23	MS. CLAUS: My name is Sue Claus.
24	I live at 211 West Cherokee Trails,
25	Sandusky, Ohio. It is located in

Bayview in Margaretta Township. I did not know this was a hearing, so I'm very unprepared. But I am here because I have been an electric homeowner for 27 My home, when I purchased it, years. was actually listed in the Sandusky register as one of the most energy efficient homes built at that time. And it was built by a man named Howard They had it in the paper about Deshaun. how the thickness of the walls and, you know, how good the electric -- and they featured it here in the paper and also in the Cleveland paper.

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Well, when I purchased the home, I got my first electric bill and there was a thing in there from Sun Energy. They were the manufacturer of a unit that kept your demand down. And I thought that this would be something to look into. And I did. I purchased that at that time. I could find any of that information, of course, 27 years ago. I had the thing from Sun Energy, but they are no longer in business.

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Page 110 1 But it was in the bill with my 2 electric bill. It was a pamphlet in 3 there. What it did is, it kept my 4 demand down. I could keep it down to 5 five, which is a very low rate for an 6 all-electric home. 7 I have survived cancer and I have 8 survived brain surgery. I had a brain 9 aneurism. And last year I had back surgery. And I come home to a bill that 10 11 was three times the amount that I ever 12 paid on any of my electric bills, to a 13 shock after I had back surgery and was 14 There wasn't even anybody in in rehab. 15 my home. My son was in college and he 16 was gone. So I was just flabbergasted 17 at the time. And that was in 2009. 18 I talked to somebody on the phone 19 and they said, yeah, the rates would --20 you know, just explained to me that this 21 -- I needed to get ahold of the PUCO. 22 And I did. And they told me that there 23 was going to be, like, a discounted rate 24 for us but not during the summer. And 25 then I, as you can see, still am not

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doing very well. And I have other problems. So I haven't been on top of this. But I actually seen this on the news, that you were having this thing here tonight and, like I said, I didn't know it was a hearing. So I didn't bring any papers with me. I can -- I can mail them to you, just so show you the difference in my bill.

MR. PRICE: Please do so.

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MS. CLAUS: But they're telling me that, you know, this discounted load rate now, we can't use it. They're charging us by kilowatts. You know, I worked all my life. I'm on disability. And now I'm making only 60 percent of what I was making before. And for the first time, I got a shutoff notice. And I didn't even get a shutoff notice where they, you know, give you a shutoff notice. It's just in your bill. And at the time I had just gotten home. Τ didn't even make it to the door. And they're not sending out a separate shutoff notice either.

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1.	So my concern is, I can not keep
2	living like this at this rate, and I
3	would urge PUCO to help us all-electric
4	homeowners, to help us out here and to
5	have FirstEnergy live up to what Ohio
6	Edison has promised us for years. Thank
7	you.
8	MR. PRICE: Thank you. Our next
9	witness is Steve Rasmussen.
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11	STEVE RASMUSSEN,
12	After having been first duly sworn, as
13	hereinafter certified, was examined and testified
14	as follows:
15	MR. PRICE: Please state your name
16	and address for the record.
17	MR. RASMUSSEN: My name is Steve
18	Rasmussen. My address is 8114 State
19	Route 101 in Castalia. I bought my
20	house about 11 years ago. I gutted it.
21	I insulated it. I had propane until
22	2005. Propane rates were going up and
23	down. They were really changing then.
24	I'm a heating and air conditioning
25	contractor, so with the electric being

at a set price, I put in a air heat pump, I put in electric hot water heater. Electric stove, electric dryer, went completely electric. I bought this stuff five years ago, six years ago. Now I'm stuck with bills that are just outrageous.

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When I started out before I went all electric, I used less than 500 kilowatt hours a month. On my September this year bill, it's \$821 on an average. But that doesn't really show anything. I have saved on all the electric. My other months are 300 and 400 and 500, which was the average before. But now, like \$3,450 in one month, which is seven times what -- you know, what it would have been the normal if I would have stayed with propane and my propane stove. I know the money offsets each other, but it's just ridiculous.

You can't increase a bill -- you know, let somebody think that they're going to get something and then charge

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1.	them seven times as much as the guy down
2	the road. It's just not fair. I hope
3	you can do something about getting the
4	rates changed back to what they were.
5	Thank you.
6	MR. PRICE: Thank you. Our final
7	witness on the sign-in sheet is Sue
8	Daugherty.
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10	SUE DAUGHERTY,
11	After having been first duly sworn, as
12	hereinafter certified, was examined and testified
13	as follows:
14	MR. PRICE: Please state your name
15	and business address for the record.
16	MS. DAUGHERTY: My name is Sue
17	Daugherty. I'm the director of Serving
18	Our Seniors in Sandusky, Ohio, 310 East
19	Broad Street. Thank you for the
20	opportunity to give testimony this
21	evening.
22	It's for those people who are not
23	poor that brings me here this evening.
24	The individuals who have incomes over
25	150 percent and living in an

all-electric home or apartment, they've They're on the been taken care of. percentage-of-income payment plan. Who I'm concerned about is an individual who makes \$17,000 a year as a single homeowner. They're too rich for the percentage-of-income payment plan. Or the widow or widower. I'm also concerned about the couple who makes \$21,900 gross annual income. They too are too rich for the PIPP program. And yet, if this all-electric discount gets taken away in May, I don't know how these individuals are going to be able to afford the home or the apartment that they live in.

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Much like Mr. Barnes's story, where he is an older adult and most of his investment and net worth is in his home, he is stuck. He owns a toxic asset. And if you allow the rate -- excuse me. If you allow the all-electric discount to go away so that older adults who, as you can clearly see this evening, are a large proportion, at least in Erie

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county, of the all-electric home and apartment, they are going to be in big trouble.

It's the people who are above the 4 5 150 percent poverty guideline that take б blood thinners, that's why I'm here this 7 evening. We heard testimony that there 8 are individuals who actually put on 9 winter hats, scarves and double layer 10 their sweaters. For older people with 11 cardiovascular disease that are on a 12 blood thinner, that doesn't work. What 13 you think should be comfortable at 65 14 and 68 as a healthy adult is completely 15 intolerable for somebody with 16 cardiovascular disease and on a blood 17 thinner. So what they need is a house 18 temperature of, maybe, 72 or 74 19 degrees. So you heard testimonies from 20 individuals having to pay \$400, \$600, 21 \$800. We've seen those individuals, and 22 I'm here to tell you that Serving Our 23 Seniors, although we do subsidize 24 utility bills, we can't even begin to 25 touch an all-electric home who is on the

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verge of an electric shutoff. Because the subsidy that they would need, after the all-electric discount goes away, is more than we can even come close to subsidizing.

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And let me remind you that people above 150 percent of poverty but below 200, they do get the home energy credit on their bill. But at best -- at best, \$250 for the heating season.

And so when you have a fixed income and it could be as little as \$17,000, your \$250 heating credit isn't going to be the difference between whether or not that senior citizen gets to stay connected to their heating utility over the winter heating season or not.

It's the number of people over 150 percent of the federal poverty guideline that concern me. Because ladies and gentlemen of the PUCO, we are relying on you as consumers to do the right thing. These individuals were fed a bait and switch. They are in a home that is not marketable. And for many of them, it's

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1	not even affordable. But yet they don't
2	have an alternative. What they have is
3	a toxic asset. So what I'm asking of
4	the PUCO is for you to not allow
5	FirstEnergy and Ohio Edison to benefit
6	from what I call profiteering. And by
7	profiteering, I mean, being able to make
В	a profit by using methods that are
9	considered to be unfair and unethical.
10	And that's exactly what's happening to
11	all-electric homeowners.
12	I am here this everything to remind
13	you, the PUCO, that it is your
14	responsibility to prevent profiteering
15	from happening. As a matter of fact, I
16	believe it's one of your duties. We
17	don't want to see the electric company
18	go away because we, as electric
19	consumers, would also be in a pickle.
20	But by the same token, all-electric
21	consumers and dual fuel residents need
22	electric that we can afford. Thank
23	you.
24	MR. PRICE: Thank you. Okay. Is
25	there anybody who would like to testify

who did not sign up and who has not had an opportunity to testify yet?

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Seeing none, I would like to thank you all for attending tonight. There will be five more public hearings in this proceeding. And with that, we'll go off the record. Thank you.

(Discussion had off the record.)

MR. PRICE: Let's go back on record.

Just to clarify the status of the documents that were submitted by witness Martin, FirstEnergy -- we're going to defer ruling on the ultimate admissibility of those documents. But FirstEnergy has agreed to waive any further cross-examination of that witness. Is that correct? Everybody has an understanding of our agreement? MR. CORCORAN: That's what I understand. MR. BURK: Yes, sir. MR. PRICE: We'll deal with this,

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1	then, at the evidentiary hearing on
2	November 29th. Thank you all. With
3	that, we're adjourned.
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5	(Hearing adjourned at 8:45 p.m.)
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2	County of Cuyahoga.)
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5	the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the
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14	not, nor is the court reporting firm with which I
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15	Civil Rule 28(D); nor am I otherwise interested
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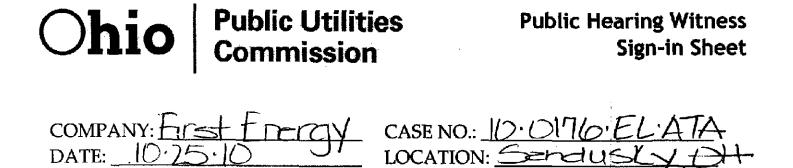
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USAGE PERIOD Jul 2009 thru Oct 2010	Number of Days in Month	Monthly Electric Usage kWh	Energy in Btu @ 3340 Btu/ KWh	Total Approximat Operating Cost Electric use (All Electric) without Head (Avg 2 kW	Approximate Electric use without Heat (Avg 2 kW	Baseline Estimated Electric Cost w/ 2 kW load	Equivalent Natu Natural Gas Ope 1000's Cubic Cost Feet	Natural Gas Tota Operating Oper Cost Cost (Elec	Total Operating Cost (Electric +	Estimated Savings using Gas Heat as
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AUG	31	1446	4,829,640	\$176.66	4,829,640	\$176.66	0.0000	\$0.00	\$176.66	\$0.00
SEP	30	1324	4,422,160	\$161.75	4,829,640	\$176.66	-0.4969	-\$7.68	\$168.98	-\$7.23
oct	31	1338	4,468,920	\$163.46	4,829,640	\$176.66	-0.4399	-\$6.80	\$169.86	-\$6.40
NOV	30	1860	6,212,400	\$227.24	4,829,640	\$176.66	1.6863	\$26.05	\$202.71	\$24.53
DEC	31	3250	10,855,000	\$397.05	4,829,640	\$176.66	7.3480	\$113.53	\$290.18	\$106.87
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SEP	30	1385	4,625,900	\$169.21	4,829,640	\$176.66	-0.2485	-\$3.84	\$172.82	-\$3.61
oct	29	1254	4,188,360	\$153.20	4,829,640	\$176.66	-0.7820	-\$12.08	\$164.58	-\$11.37
TOTAL	483	37937	126,709,580	\$4,635	77,274,240	\$2,827	60	\$931	\$3,758	\$877
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Median	31	1586	5,295,570	\$194	4,829,640	\$177	1	\$9	\$185	\$ 8
Mode	31	1446	4,829,640	\$177	4,829,640	\$177	0	\$0	\$177	\$0

Electric cost \$0.1222 per kWh per home at \$\$0 Morningside Ct
 Gas price \$15.45 per 1000 cubic feet per U.S. Energy information Administration

PUCO Hearing....Oct 25, 2010

We built our home in 1974. At that time, on Bogart Rd. in Perkins Township, our home would be "out in the country". It was also the time period when Columbia Gas was taking no new users. We were told by the salesperson for our contractor that Ohio Edison would give us an "All Electric Home" discount <u>IF</u> we went ALL Electric. So we did.

Periodically Ohio Edison would come out with suggested upgrades to our home, pushing the All Electric Home discount as further incentive to maintain an all electric home.....load meters, 80 gal hot water heaters, increased insulation. All these things we spend money to get so that we could keep our home in compliance to receive the discount.

We are on the equal payment plan, so that we know monthly what we will have to pay. In Jan. 2009 our bill jumped over \$100 on EPP. Now the Electric Company wants to take the discount from us.

IF this rate increase is allowed to go through it will become a hardship for us as we are retired and on fixed income....that did not increase last year and won't this year. With the amount of money Ohio Edison made last year it really seems that they could afford to allow the discount to continue or is this going to be a Rich Company that just gets RICHER.

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Grand-Fathered Electric Rate Removal

My name is Andrew J. Kocis and I purchased my current house on 5420 Hayes Ave. Sandusky Oh. on or about Jan.2005. Prior to closing on it I contacted Ohio Edison and asked about the electric rates for this all electric house. I was assured by their representative that I would indeed be "grand-fathered" into a low rate along with the ability to control my demand by use of the already installed "demand-control center" in the house and being currently used. The cost of electricity; since it was and remains the only source of power to heat and cool my house; was a MAJOR concern for me. I had never before owned an all electric house and was leery of having "all my eggs in one basket".

But since I was assured by Ohio Edison's representative that I would be guaranteed a lower rate for the entire time that I would live in this house; well I decided to go ahead and purchase the house. The rep. also told me that I would be the last person to enjoy the "grand-father" clause. He told me that should I sell the house that the new owner would not be guaranteed the lower rate. With this assurance by Ohio Edison I went ahead and closed on the house. For the next three years or so I did enjoy the lower rates that were assured to me. I would also like to mention the fact that by using the demand-control center I was also able to tailor my usage during the cold winters. This also led to a reduced usage of electricity thus contributing to the energy conservation that is so much on everyone's mind; and should be. With the rate increases that Ohio Edison has implemented the last year; it has taken the "demand-center" and removed it from my electric bill equation. Now comes Ohio Edison and/or PUCO with the decision that the PROMISE that was made to my by Ohio Edison is no longer valid and will not be honored. I retired and am on a fixed income three years ago. I knew I was retiring when I bought this all electric house and the low rate was a factor of buying the house and retirement when I did both. With the rates now being used; I find myself going downhill financially. Social security does not go up

anymore and neither does my pension check. I knew my pension would not go up. I also was told that my ELECTRIC RATE would NOT go up either. At least my pension guarantor did not lie to me. As each month goes by my financial picture becomes bleaker. What Ohio Edison has done to me is like my mortgage lender all of a sudden telling me that my percentage rate on my loan is being raised. I trusted Ohio Edison to give me what they said they would. They did for a while but now they are not. When I promise someone something; then they can take me at my word. In summation; I cannot continue to pay the higher rates in effect now and possibly much higher in the very near future. Nobody wants to buy an all electric house even if the housing market stabilizes. And I can't afford the higher bills now and later.

I <u>implore</u> the PUCO and or whoever has the power and control to have the grand-fathered rates re-instated for life as they were promised!

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Thank you to the Public Utilities Commission for holding the first hearing on this important matter in Sandusky, where so many people have organized to demand fair treatment in this matter.

My name is Marcy Kaptur. I represent the 9th Congressional District of Ohio. The all-electric issue directly affects thousands of my constituents across the Ninth District, from Vermilion to Huron to Sandusky to Maumee. I am here to support these constituents in their dispute with First Energy, the fifth-largest investor-owned utility in the nation.

I appreciate the opportunity offer brief comments. I know many others are waiting to speak, so I promise to be brief and submit a written statement for the official record.

Power costs are a major impediment to economic growth, discouraging job growth, firms and certainly families from locating in high rate regions. That is why so many communities are trying to diversify new power production options that can be employed right here at home to service the public which, over time, has become more reliant and almost held hostage to absentee owned firms to supply and service power systems.

It is why I have supported federal research and development into new, decentralized energy systems for the future--systems that can be managed closer to home and offer consumers choice. Further, as our region has been victimized by energy brownouts in the past, it is why I have come to believe giant, centralized energy systems controlled by some of the largest corporations in our nation actually are vulnerable systems, too open to attack by those who seek to do us harm. A more diversified energy production and distribution system, and a system that is more decentralized, makes sense to me in terms of national security as well.

The all-electric issue goes to a matter of trust. It's about reliance on promises.

If the all-electric issue could be depicted in a cartoon, it would be from *Peanuts*. You would have Lucy holding the football. She's First Energy. And you would have Charlie Brown, running up to kick it. That would be First Energy's all-electric customers. You know what happens next: Lucy pulls the ball away at the last minute and Charlie Brown goes flying. Lucy made an implied promise to Charlie Brown, that she would hold the football in place, and she broke that promise, pulling it away at the last minute, and the result is that Charlie Brown ended up flat on his back, seeing stars.

Almost to a person, First Energy's all-electric customers believed the corporation would hold their rates in place. And now First Energy wants to pull the ball away.

How can so many people be so wrong about what the utility company promised in return for giving up a choice of energy supply? Do you believe the ratepayers who relied on First Energy's promises or do believe the corporation? For me, it's not a difficult question to answer.

The all-electric rates were offered by the utility companies to guarantee a revenue base and predictable revenue stream. The all-electric marketing scheme constituted a good-faith agreement between the customer and the company: the company promised favorable rates in return for the customer and the customer promised to forfeit the choice of an alternative supplier of power. Now the company wants to break the promise, saying the marketplace has changed.

But a promise is a promise. And customers that live in all-electric developments or apartment complexes now clearly lack bargaining power. They have no access to a genuinely open marketplace. For them, natural gas is not an option. These seniors and families depend on electricity for their heating, water heating, and cooking needs. They have no other options because they relinquished them as a direct result of the agreements they made in good faith with First Energy companies.

At a time when families and small businesses are retrenching, trying to ride out the economic storm, First Energy is going in the opposite direction by getting even bigger. They are trying to gobble up Allegheny Energy in a stock deal estimated at \$8.5 billion. It is typical of an electric utility sector that is witnessing a dramatic consolidation. Northeast Utilities, for example, is proposing to acquire NStar for \$4.3 billion, creating the dominant utility in the Northeastern United States. But that deal is only half as large as the proposed First Energy-Allegheny merger. Already the fifth-largest investor owned utility in the nation, First Energy would grow substantially larger if were allowed to acquire Allegheny.

So how are we to believe that a corporation such as First Energy, with annual revenues of approximately \$1 billion—that's more than the GDP 15 different African nations—how are we to believe that such a gigantic corporation cannot afford to keep its promises to senior citizens and working families in all-electric homes and apartments?

First Energy's proposed acquisition of Allegheny Power proves that it is hardly a company that is forced to go back on its word to all-electric customers out of economic necessity. If First Energy can afford an \$8.5 billion acquisition of Allegheny Energy, then certainly it can afford to keep its promises to all-electric customers in Ohio.

It is the responsibility of state and federal regulators to make sure that First Energy keeps its end of the bargain, and keeps its promise to customers.

In closing, I would note that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is reviewing the proposed First Energy-Allegheny Energy merger. The Federal Trade Commission and Department of Justice, meanwhile, are considering whether to clear the proposed merger under antitrust. I would urge all the regulatory agencies, including the PUCO, to take note of promises that First Energy has made in respect to the merger with Allegheny. Among other things, First Energy has promised "better service reliability." It has promised better prices for its customers. And it made "certain commitments," not specifically defined, to its workforce.

If First Energy tries to break its promise to all-electric customers, why should state and federal regulators believe promises made with respect to the proposed merger?

First Energy's credibility is at stake. First Energy's promises to allelectric customers at a minimum constituted implied contracts. First Energy gave up something; its customers gave up something. Both parties benefited from the bargain. First Energy gave up its normal rates for electricity and received a predictable customer base and revenue stream; the customers gave up their choice of a form of energy and received a promise of favorable rates.

The rule of law exists to enforce contracts so that parties can enjoy certainty and predictability, so that the powerful cannot simply run roughshod over the powerless. Therefore, I respectfully ask the Commission to ensure that First Energy keeps its promise to its allelectric customers. Thank you. Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Case No. 10-0176-EL- ATA Docketing Division 180 E. Broad Street 13th floor Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793

We are here to express what taking the electric rate that was promised us if we did what Ohio Edison told us to do. This was our dream home where we wanted to live out our GOLDEN years in peace. So we insulated putting R-38 insulation in our ceilings, R-19 in our walls, installed a 80 gallon hot water tank and even put the curley q bulbs in all our fixtures even though they don't give me enough light with my macular degeneration but I am making due. I have lived in all electric home for over 25 years being encouraged by Ohio Edison to convert to a cleaner heat in my former home even allowed the box to turn off my hot water tank that they put in my home. It has been cheaper, clean and quiet. We were happy with only 1 bill we could manage very nicely.

Imagine our surprise when we opened that bill last winter that had almost doubled. We are well into retirement my husband is in a wheel chair and on coumadin so it is hard to keep him warm. We thought of selling our home which is impossible now because who wants a all electric home now. We will be trying to decide do we eat, take our medicine or pay our electric bill, fixed income doesn't allow a lot. The cost of living for everyone has gone up for food, taxes almost everything.

All of us on a fixed income have been told for the 2nd year we do not get a raise, please do not take our rate from us.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Cora & Thomas Neill 4005 Bardshar Rd. Castalia, Ohio 44824 PUCO of OHIO

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Your persistence in removing the graduate rate on " all electric home " has prompted me to write this letter.

As a builder in the Erie Co area over a 30 year period, I now feel betrayed by your company. What do I say to my faithful customers now in their retirement years, as they struggle to keep their lights on and their homes warm?

My decision to build " all electric homes " was fired by your representatives. I was wined, dinned and given all sorts of incentives (door bell buttons, front door mats, free heat loss evalulations, help with advertising cost, hand outs for open house, etc) all in avery professional mannor.

I, can-not understany your wanting to pull the plug out from under the people who put their trust in your company. You are literaly bank rupting many a family by doing so. There are hundreds/thousands of units just in the Erie Co alone. This is not just a little price hike, but an unblievable increase.

May God Bless Biggs Construction (retired)

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October 24, 2010

PUCO of Ohio

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a homeowner of a all electric home I would like you to know we purchased our "retirement " home for our future retirement dream home in the country of Erie County in Ohio with 1 ½ acres of land including 4 barns, an old country home remodeled with minimal work. We own a pool and outside Jacuzzi. We were assumed when we purchased it August 2006 of what a great energy saving home it was using 80 gallon hot water heater and insulation with R-38 (ceiling, floor) and R-19 (walls) wrap insulation on the hot water tank, good new windows, doors, etc. to make electric friendly with low cost and energy savings qualities.

Please keep in mind this home belonged to a local contractor/home builder of all electric homes 'Robert Biggs' as his family home and we were reassured countless times how this home was remodeled with energy savings and low cost electric especially with the grandfather clause with the electric company for a lifetime and not a short period of unquestionable time.

Bills are always high and we took it in stride that the summer bills would be high because of our personal joys which were swimming pool, Jacuzzi, ceiling fans and air conditioner. So, it was ok we were willing to pay for our comfort knowing that come winter we would get a break on the electric heating bills with all the electric baseboard heat and electric heat pump that we use to heat.

Well, needless to say that all changed when the electric company decided a benefit promise was to be taken away from paying customers before last winter without warning. Since then we have sold our Jacuzzi, thought about taking down our swimming pool, stopped using the air conditioner and reverted to floor fans to help cut the rising cost of the electric company knowing that they would no longer be a relief cut in winter knowing it will only get worse because how do you cut the cost of a warm home on a cold winter night and still enjoy your home. We are now contemplating getting quotes on making our home natural gas/propane and comparing prices for future concerns of raising electric cost without our benefit promise of an all electric home..

We will not change the heat source if this matter can be resolved with a good outcome as everyone knows electric heat is one of the most expensive ways to heat unless you had that benefit promise from the fore fathers of the electric company that was supposed to be a lifetime. I now regret buying an all electric home as I could never resell it as long as the benefit promise is terminated or if I change the heat source other than that the dwelling is considered a high risk home on a new market selling point.

Tell me how the working force of today is suppose to not become the future problem of tomorrow's government problems, we already see the effect on our parents and elder's so what does our future have in store for us? Please bring back the benefit promise of all electric homes that your forefathers promised us!

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October 25, 2010

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In April 2003 we were planning our retirement home. We had a single wide house trailer we were tearing down and planning our retirement home. The old house had gas heat. We talked to the gas company and Ohio Edison. Ohio Edison told us if we met their standards for insulation on our new home where would give us discounted electric rates and that gas rates would be very uncertain. We were told the more electric you used the lower the rate would be. So we decided that there discounts would be the best way for us in retirement. We up graded the new house (R-11, R-19, R-33 and an all electric furnace and water heater). After the new home was put in the gas company came and removed the meter and the gas line all the way to the street. Taking away our option for gas. In the mean time my planning for retirement for some years in the future went to the way side because I became fully disabled. My only income now is disability. So we were thankful we went with Ohio Edison and would be able to have affordable heating and cooling. Then Ohio Edison decided they no longer wanted to honor their deal with us and changed the way they sold electricity and made their rates, the more you use the higher the rate will be. The total opposite of what they offered us to go all electric. Now we have to decide if we can afford enough heat to keep warm and stay healthy.

The Electric Co. now wants to pull back on what they promised and increase our rates. Doesn't good faith mean anything to them. Most of the people that the Electric Co. promised these discounts to are now senior citizens. With the cost of everything going up and those on Social Security not receiving a rate increase for two years we cannot afford the rates that the Electric Co. is charging us now.

To give you an example of the increase, in December 2009 we used 2,111 KW and paid \$189.57. In December 2008 we used 2,570 KW and paid \$172.98. We used 459 KW MORE in 2008 and paid \$16.59 less.

If you take our January & February 2009 and January and February 2010 and add them together, in 2009 we used 5,905 KW and paid \$431.87, and in 2010 we used 5,932 KW and paid \$534.36. We used 27 KW less in 2009 but paid \$102.49 more in 2010. That is and average of \$50.00 per month more in 2010. I am on disability and did not get an

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increase in disability pay for 2010 and will not get an increase in 2011. Where are we suppose to come up with this additional \$50.00 per month?

All we ask is that they honor their committment to us. If they don't want to honor what they offered us, they should make us whole again and pay us what it would cost us to convert back to gas. We built our home to their standards. The only fair thing to do is to give us back the extra we had to pay to convert our home to all electric.

Thank you.

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1965 my wife and I bought our first farm with a house and barn. (45 years ago)

The house was not livable but sturdy and repairable. It was going to be a big job and cost a lot of money.

We started the task of gutting out and remodeling the old farm house.

I needed electric, so we applied for temporary service, while work was being done. O.E. put temp. Service in and we were off to the races.

It wasn't long that O. E. came and asked what kind of heat we were going to put in, at that time we had not though much about it. Gas was in the right of way but, we were thinking of oil heat.

O.E. sent a rep out to talk to us about electric heat. They liked the idea that we were gutting the house because it would be easy to insulate it to their standard for an electric home. I was not sold on the idea of electric heat because of the high cost and the amount of power it would take to heat the place.

O.E sent an engineer out to measure the house and work out an estimate of the power it would take and the cost to heat the place. O.E. said if we used all electric appliances, 80 gallon water heater/range, 200 amp service, electric ceiling cable, we would get a special rate/discounted/ because of the amount of power we would be using. The estimate sounded good and it was something we could live with.

We agreed to put in every thing they ask and built the house to their engineer's specifications.

We lived there 10 years and every thing worked out just like O.E. said it would. We were happy.

We sold the farm 1974-1975 to O.E. because of eminent domain.

WE bought another farm and built a new house. We liked the all electric home that we had before, so we asked O.E. if we could get the same deal on this new house. O.E. (yes) and they would work with us with new updates and contractors that we needed to do a good job.

We got all discounts that we had at the other house. The only thing that changed was a new kind of demand meter.

The house was done and we moved in. (1976) We are still at this address today.

As time went along the electric bills started to get high in the winter months. If the demand went up just a few minutes, we would have to pay the high rate for the month.

There had to be a better way to manage our electric each month.

We bought a electronic load manager that shed different circuits to keep load low and we had a better handle on our electric bills. This was a real inconvenience with both of us working and the only time we had to do things was in the evening. (took longer to do the washing, cooking and some of the rooms in the house got cool.)

1995-96 we decided to look into air conditioning, we never had AC before. The new big push was geothermal heating and AC and O.E had some big discounts if you put this system in.

O.E. sent their engineer, Mr. William (Bill) Meese out to talk to us and tell us what our needs were as to size how much tonnage we would need and how much O.E. would give us to put this system in (\$1500.00) and what contractors to use. We ask about our discounts on electric and he said that we would still get the discounted rate. Also seeing that our water heater was 20 years old, O.E. would give us a good deal on a 80 gallon water heater but we had to let them install a out side controller that they could shut off when demand was too high.

We agreed to all of this and were very happy with our new AC/heating system. Mr. Meese also advised us that the demand part of meter was no longer in use, so we took out the load monitor.

Mr. Meese came out to our home a couple of times to fine tune the system at first start up. 1996

This worked for us and we were happy with our geothermal heating/AC system.

Now O.E. comes along and said they are not going to give the discounted rate to all electric home owners. This is not right. This is a contract no matter how you look at it. We would not have put electric heat in our home if it were not for the discounted rate. At no time did they ever say that down the road they may discontinue the discount.

We have spent thousands of dollars from 1965 to today, up grading our system and to better manage our electric usage and to keep our bills low. Now O.E comes along and doesn't want to give us the discounted rate.

Early this year O.E. sent us a letter, in part it said that the discount did not encourage good conservation. This was the reason for dropping the discounted rate to all electric home owners. What the hell?????? What do you think we were doing all these years? Extra insulation Insulated windows Top of the line water heater with load manager Load management equipment to control demand Geothermal More insulation Added storm windows on all windows in the home

With both of us being retired and on a fixed income, we will not be able to afford the electric to heat/cool our home. We will have to sell or spend thousands of dollars to put in a different heat/cool source.

No one will buy an all electric home, because of high cost of electric, so now my home is worth less and I can't sell it.

Richard & Kay Pitsinger 9617 Mudbrook Rd. Huron, Ohio 44839 Erie County, Milan Twp. 419-433-6815

PUCO Rate Hearing in Sandusky, Ohio on October 25, 2010 Statement of Jude J. Theibert 4118 Greenfield Drive, Sandusky, OH 44870

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I want to first thank you for holding this hearing on electricity rates for all-electric residential customers and permitting me the opportunity to address the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) on this very important subject. I am an owner of an All Electric home since 1996 and the former president of our Condominium Association consisting of 183 similar units. Each of these homes was made permanently dependent solely on electricity for all power supplies through marketing practices of our electric company.

It is an undisputed fact that First Energy, its predecessor, and successor companies embarked on marketing programs commencing in 1974 to create residential buildings and communities devoid of competing energy infrastructures with building designs that were permanently dependent upon electricity for heating both the homes and the hot water heaters. This marketing program was aided and abetted by the State of Ohio through the actions of PUCO and could not have succeeded without this assistance. During this entire period PUCO accepted cost and profit data from First Energy, its predecessor, and successor companies in calculating the various rate schedules derived over all these years. In addition, the State through PUCO authorized electricity rate discounts for the units created for 33 years from 1974 until January 1, 2007 when the Commission approved First Energy's "Rate Certainty Plan" first went into effect. (Even longer, if you consider current extension of theses rate discounts). These homes would not have been created, lived in, bought, or re-sold without the electricity rate discounts sought by these electricity companies and approved by the state through PUCO. The importance of this continuous support is best illustrated on page 2 of the Staff's September 24th, 2010 Report explaining in part that the extension of rate discounts "...would allow homebuilders adequate time to sell any homes that were being built in reliance on the availability of the all-electric discount." I want to both emphasize the reliance on the availability of the all-electric discount and note that there is little regard for the purchasers of these homes.

A lesser known but equally important part of this marketing plan was the provision of cash reimbursements to contractors for constructing permanently dependent homes and developments without competing energy infrastructures and unsuitable to alternate heating options.

Your public notice lists three major issues: "Commitments, "Electric vs. Natural Gas" and Rate Shock". I will attempt to address the issues raised in the first item but in the interest of time provide only a few observations on the issues raised in the other two items on your agenda.

You ask two questions under the item "Commitment". First, you ask what contracts or written documentation do you have regarding your electric rates now and in the future? Also you ask, "Was there a commitment that this rate would remain with the home for future owners?" I do not believe you will find a smoking gun today that answers these questions, but I believe there is a smoldering gun within PUCO's own records.

I would first offer the standard law applicable to the provision of all public utilities as proof of a commitment. Every day all over this state individual homeowners start and stop utilities deliveries to their homes with a phone call. There is an oral agreement that the utility will provide utilities at approved rates as long as the customers pay their bills. The public trusts state agencies such as PUCO will establish and enforce rates that are applicable to each utility. There is no written

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contract signed. The proof of the terms is what is billed and what is paid. For 33 years original, subsequent and current owners of all-electric homes received discounts from both the production and delivery of electricity to their homes. All this is done without the need to even identify the unit as an all-electric home or even needing to mention that it is an all-electric home. These bills confirmed what original homeowners say they were told by the builders, also what original owners told new buyers of their homes when they sold them and finally what each subsequent seller told subsequent buyers at the time of their sale.

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Secondly, I would offer 33 years of PUCO's records. You must use common sense, a commodity not know to be in abundance by our governments at all levels, when you consider these records. Your records clearly show that First Energy, its predecessor and subsequent companies sought discounted electrical rates for both the production and delivery of electricity to its all-electrical customers. These records show that they provided and you accepted data on cost and profits that included discounts to all-electric homes. Also, your records show that for 33 years PUCO authorized and First Energy provided these discounts to all-electric homes. Now here is where you have to apply common sense. We all know the managers of First Energy and its affiliates are neither known for being particularly generous nor stupid. They certainly didn't provide these discounts out of generosity for all these years. They provided them because this is the obligation they readily assumed as part of their marketing plan to create permanent customers devoid of competition. It was a good plan for them because it permitted them to generate income for their otherwise wasted capacity during two periods, the nighttime and winter. Continuing with common sense, it appears to me First Energy decided to use the unbundling feature of Senate Bill No. 3 as an opportunity to shed thee rate discounts, avoid generation regulations, and improve their bottom line. I can only assume that they were willing to risk ending the program of creating new all-electric homes on the calculation that in the end unbundling and avoiding rate regulation of the production of electricity would be so profitable that it would more than offset the risk of losing the revenue generated from the all-electric program.

In the absence of written proof, our courts and the court of public opinion place great stock in precedents and even more in precedents that become customs over time. I would suggest that over 33 years your records document these precedent-setting discounts and that most people would say they have become customs by now.

The crucial question you ask is "Was there a commitment to future owners?" Implicit in this question is how long should these rates remain. The key to a logical answer to that question is that the plan required creating homes and developments **permanently** devoid of competing energy sources with house designs that precluded use of natural gas to heat units or water tanks. In my opinion the discount is attached to the unit no matter who owns the unit. I think that the discounts should remain until a house is taken off the public tax records. As a minimum there is a precedent that the discounts should remain for at least 33 years, the length of time these discounts were provided to the first units built in 1974 under this marketing plan.

The loss of these discounts will certainly lower the property values with estimates as high as 30%. There would be similar losses in tax revenue to both local governments and school systems. In my observation of our development, the greatest adverse economic impact would be to the many elderly single women who live on fixed incomes often from annuities of their deceased spouse's retirement plans or just social security benefits. They expect their utility costs to be affordable and manageable within their fixed income budgets, but for many of them this will no longer be true without the continuation of these discounts. I expect this problem to continue and increase because

women continue to outlive males. These units were purchased, sold and resold with the expectation electric discounts would continue making the units affordable as long as the units continued to exist.

Your title of your next issue "Electricity vs. Natural Gas" is interesting in its own right. There really was not much history of a conflict between homeowners of gas homes and all-electric homes until First Energy tried to dump their long established discount rates with the implementation of Senate Bill #3. First Energy threw in the ideas of gas customers subsidizing the all-electric rate discounts and that the discounts promoted wasteful use of energy; two brilliant moves that pitted gas heated homeowners and conservationists against all-electric homeowners. And, both PUCO and the Ohio Consumer Council bought into these arguments that led to PUCO approving the elimination of the all-electric discounts in the first place.

Certainly, the factors of costs in heating homes needs to be considered, but it is a very complicated issue and not one that can be decided only because natural gas for heating is cheaper than heating by electricity. This was a fact known 33 years ago when the all-electric marketing plan was initiated. However, there are other factors that need consideration. The homes in our development are built more energy efficient than most gas heated homes. I know I had an energy audit completed when I first moved in and the inspectors were very impressed with the insulation and tightness of the home. In fact they said the home was so tight and did not breath like older homes and recommended frequent airing of the home in the wintertime. Also there are macro efficiency considerations that are not quite so obvious. For instance, most of Ohio's electric generating plants are coal based and coal is much cheaper than natural gas in generating electricity. Also, the generation of electricity is the single largest industry in the USA and the world. At the same time, that industry is notoriously inefficient because it has to maintain so much capacity that is unused at night and additionally during the winter when nights are longer. It is still a fact that the premise for the idea of creating all-electric homes is still valid from the standpoint that it uses resources that are otherwise wasted. It is interesting that as a nation we are embarking on developing electric cars as a partial solution to our other energy problems and much of this is based on the premise that these cars could recharge at night and take advantage of the greatly underused excess capacity. Does that sound familiar? Also, natural gas homes receive some benefit from all-electric homes in that the revenue received from the program helps reduce their cost of electricity and the reduction of competitors for the available natural gas helps reduce that cost

If PUCO thinks that all-electric homes have no place in our communities because of the inefficiency in heating both the units and their water, I suggest that they preclude discounts for similar future units, but continue the discounts with all the existing units that the state through PUCO helped create. Full recovery of these generation expenses should be denied and the discounts charged against First Energy's profits.

In conclusion, the state was a major player in creating all-electric homes, PUCO's records indicate that long standing precedents exist for providing these discounts to both original and subsequent homeowners, First Energy's actions in seeking and providing these discounts for over 33 years indicates they understood they had an obligation to provide these discounts and the removal of these discounts will cause considerable harm to a great number of people, especially older people. For all these reasons I urge PUCO to continue these rate discounts for as long as individual properties remain anywhere on Ohio's property tax rolls.

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PUCO Hearing

Sandusky Ohio

October 25, 2010

Testimony: Re. Case #10-176-EL-ATA

Reasons all electric homes should keep the all electric rate discount:

Property Values:

When my wife and I moved into our all electric condo at 4120 Huntfield Drive, Sandusky, Ohio in late May 2000, there were hardly any condos available at Plumbrook Estates. As second owners we paid \$139,000 for our condo and have since put over \$10,000 more in improvements to our condo. As recently as 2008, it was valued at approximately \$166,000, A very similar condo on Westwind Drive in Plumbrook Estates sold last month for \$120,000. Ten others are for sale now at Plumbrook Estates. Some have been on the market for over a year. Uncertainty over the proposed electric rate increases is one of the main reasons for our units not selling.

Social Security payments:

For the second year in a row there will be no increase in Social Security payments. Most of us at Plumbrook estates are on Social Security and an electric rate increase will be difficult to budget for on a fixed income.

Declining savings interest rates:

As many seniors do, we rely on bank CD interest to help with the budget. CD interest rates have dropped to less than half of what they were five years ago and they are still going down. This again leaves little or no money to pay for higher electric rates.

We pray that the PUCO will permanently reinstate the all electric discount as home owners were led to believe this would always continue.

Thank you for your favorable decision on the all electric rate.

John & Nancy Kempton

4120 Huntfield Drive Sandusky OH 44870

Ph. 419-625-5556

John Kimpton Nancy L. Kempton

In 1977 we built an all-electric home. At that time an Ohio Edison representative showed us printouts of different operating costs using 2x4 vs. 2x6 construction, savings using various amounts of insulation, and costs using baseboard vs. heat pump vs. electric furnace.

Though the years we used demand meters, load regulators, and savings programs for electric heating large amounts of water. Based on all of this, our utility (electric) costs were similar to comparable homes using both gas and electric.

Having had a satisfying experience, for 26 years, we decided to build another all-electric home in 2003. This home received the same competitive electric rates we had at our previous home.

With the loss of the all-electric home rate our electric costs have become unaffordable for us, and are not comparable to similar homes using gas and electric. These electric costs are so high they reduce the value of our home, and make it unsellable. No one wants an all-electric home at these costs.

Our current home, built in 2003, is on a slab foundation. Many other homes in this area are also on slab foundations. With a slab foundation our homes do not have a forced air heating system; we use baseboard or something else. It is not possible to convert to forced air heating, even if it were affordable.

Comparing the 06/07 heating season to the 09/10 heating season we have reduced the kilowatt hours used 16% by adding more attic insulation, and installing six programmable thermostats. Comparing the same two heating seasons our electric bill has increased by 22%, and the average temperature was 1 degree warmer in 09/10.

Therefore we ask for:

- 1. A <u>permanent</u> all-electric rate differential on generation and distribution charges for nine months of the year for all-electric heating, load management, and water heating customers that <u>stays with the property</u> upon transfer to a new owner, including homes, apartment, and condos. The rate differential should be equivalent to the pre-2007 declining block structure.
- 2. The rate differential should be given to every property, even those currently excluded because they were built or converted to all-electric after Jan. 1,2007.
- 3. FirstEnergy must not raise the rates of other rate payers, but rather absorb the cost of this program which FirstEnergy has for the last 30 years. FirstEnergy made verbal and written promises to owners and builders alike to entice them to go all-electric, and they must not be allowed to break these promises and charge others for their breach of contract.

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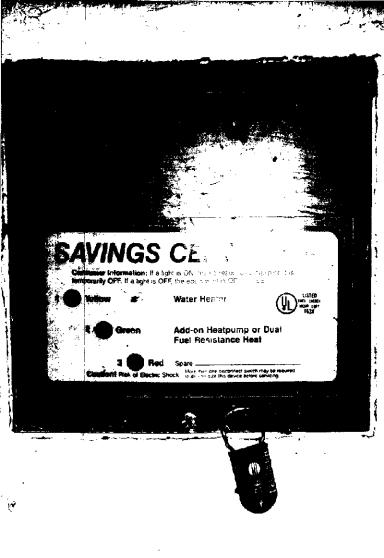
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The Good Cents Home Program Ohio Edison has brought the *Good Cents* Home to Ohio with new standards for quality construction and energy efficiency that can save you about 35% on monthly energy costs.

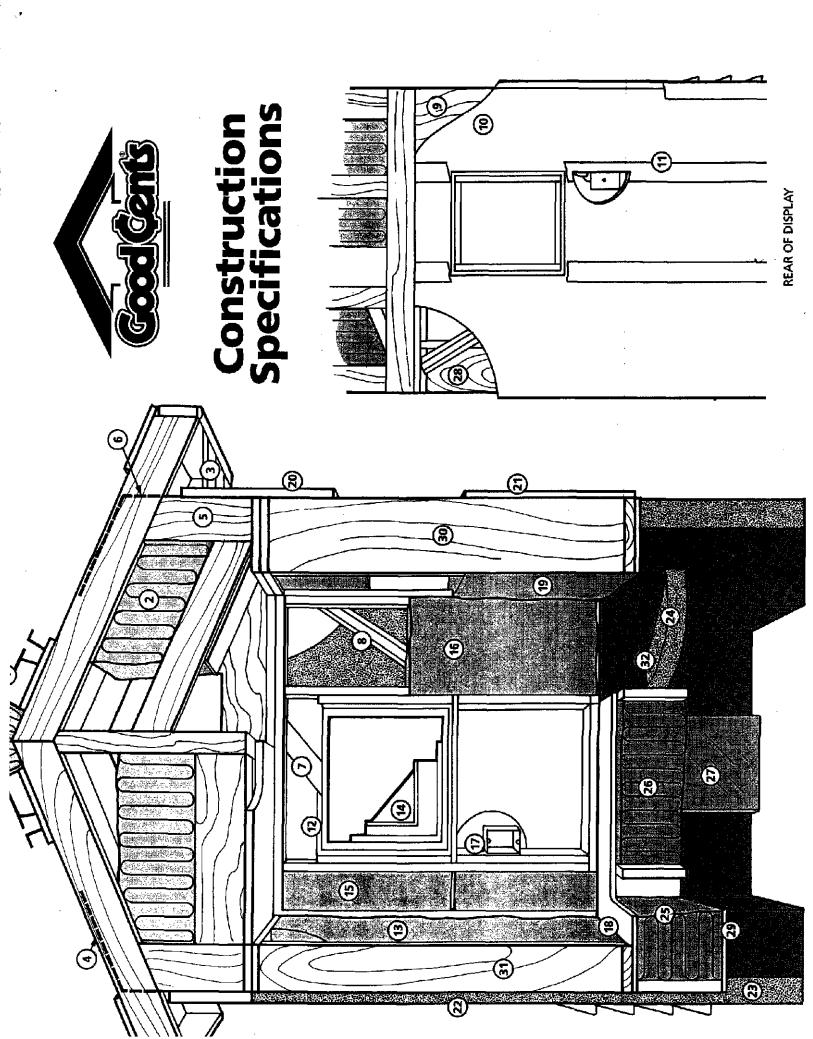
Good Cents is a program for new homes that combines quality insulation, double-pane windows, foam-core insulated doors and energy-efficient heating, cooling and water heating for lower energy use, increased comfort and greater savings.

The Good Cents program has been tested and proven successful in nearly 350,000 Good Cents homes across the United States, including "cold weather" states like Maine, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, New York and Illinois.

And every Good Cents Home is inspected by Ohio Edison and certified for comfort and energy efficiency.

For quality, comfort and savings you can count on, make *Good* Cents the foundation of your plans.





(1) Ridge Vent "Shingle over" ridge vents provide maximum ventilation and a more attractive roof line.	(10) 1/2" Isocyanurate Sheathing A half inch of isocyanurate is used over plywood corners to increase the R-value of the corners	(1) Polyfoam Sealing Polyfoam sealing, used around the areas where electric wires penetrate work boxes or plates, will reduce air infiltration.	Image: State State State State Construction Image: State
2 R-38 Insulation R-38 fiberglass insulation in the ceiling, approximately 12 inches thick, minimizes energy loss.	to about R-4.1 (3.6 for the isocyanurate and .5 for the plywood). This is adequate when used with R-13 fiberglass insulation, assuming an additional R-2 for inside finish wall and outside finish wall combined.	(18) Air Sealing Foam, construction adhesives or caulking are used to seal around floor plates and top wall	the perimeter, penetrating about two feet under the slab. (25) Band Joist Insulation
(3) Soffit Vents Soffit vents used in combination with ridge vents maximize ventilation.	(1) 1" Isocyanurate Sheathing Some builders prefer to use 1" sheathing to	plates. Air sealing methods like these drastically reduce air infiltration. Good air sealing may reduce heating needs by several BTUs per square foot.	We recommend R-19 fiberglass insulation around the band joist area in conditioned basements. Note that the vapor barrier is facing into the conditioned area.
4 Air Space	make the transition from 1/2" sheathing and 1/2" plywood corners. This 1" isocyanurate has an R-value of 7.2.	(1) R-19 Insulation	26 Floor Insulation
A minimum 1" air space between roof sheath- ing and insulation should be included in vertilated vaulted ceiling applications. See item #6.	(1) Air Sealing Some type of air sealing should be used around	K-19 Thergiass insulation is used with Z X a wall construction by some builders to achieve higher R-values on outside walls. Some contractors also use the new R-21 batt here.	We recommend R-19 insulation for floors over unconditioned basements or crawl space More insulation may be needed if the area is exposed directly to wind or the outside elemen Note that the vanor barrier is faction up, into
(5) Trusses	windows and doors, many contractors use a combination of fiberglass as filler and foamed- in urethane to provide excellent sealing.	20 Composition Sheathing Half inch plain black composition sheathing	the conditioned area.
modern trusses arrow for thicker insulation and accommodate full thickness insulation over the top of exterior wall plates.	(13) R-13 Insulation	can be used over 2 x 6 construction although its R-value is not very high (about .5 to 1.25).	.¥ F
(6) Wind Deflectors	This fiberglass is one of the new, higher density insulation materials. Initial testing indicates	21 1/2" Rigid Sheathing	protected) fibergiass roll that can be easily stapled into place.
Corrugated or polystyrene wind deflectors allow insulation to achieve maximum performance and are especially important when using blown or loose insulation. They also maintain the necessary 1" air space for		For about the same cost as composition sheathing, some contractors use 1/2" extruded polystyrene with an R-value of 2.5 to 3. This example is 1/2" isocyanurate with an R-value of 3.6.	(28) Two-Stud Corners Two-stud corners are a good way to improve thermal performance of outside corners.
ventulation. (7) Header Improvement	(4) High Performance Windows	22) 1" Extruded Polystyrene Extruded 1" polystyrene has an Rvalue of 5 to	(29) Plate Seals Plate seals are recommended to reduce infil-
Scrap pieces of isocyanurate (rigid insulation board) can be used instead of plywood to achieve desired header thickness and to	Even ultra-high performance windows can lose up to four or five times as much heat as your	o and, when used with K-13 floerglass, makes a very efficient wall, comparable to 2 x 6 construction.	tration. There are expanded poly, fiberglass and other products available.
improve thermal performance.	wall area. We recommend using at least double glazed insulated glass. Using low-E glass and/or argon or other inert gas-filled windows is even more efficient. Because heat loss through glass is inevitable, we recommend a maximum of	(23) Below Grade and Slab Insulation	 2 x 6 Walls 2 x 6 wall construction is shown with R-19 an R-21 fiberglass.
Metal Tbars or inletted 1 x 4 sets can be used rather than plywood for racking strength and thermal improvement in the corners. Building	12% glass area to total floor area. In a 2,000 square foof home, that would mean a maximum of 240 square feet of glass.	Extruded polystyrene is recommended for below grade exterior insulation. We recommend a minimum of R-10, which can be achieved with about 2" of extruded polystyrane. The R-values	3) 2 x 4 Walls
scientists state that the racking strength of this bracing is comparable to plywood corner construction.	(5) R-15 Insulation	of extruded polystyrene vary from R-5 to R-6 per inch. Manv builders prefer this perpendicular	This 2 x 4 wall construction is shown with various combinations of sheathing and fiber glass to achieve greater efficiency.
9 Plywood Corners Plywood corners must be thermally improved for maximum parformance (see #10)	This is also a high density fiberglass insulation. When used with 1/2" isocyanurate (R-3.6) or 1/2" extruded polystyrene (R-3) it will perform satisfactorily.	method for insulating slabs as well as basement walls. For slab insulation, the rigid polystyrene should be installed with the bottom edge at least two feet below grade. Full basement walls should have the material	(32) Poly Film Stab and basement floors should always have
Unimproved plywood corners can account for more than 50% of outside wall area heat loss.	(16) R-11 Insulation Even older R-11 fiberglass insulation, when used with 1" isocyanurate (R-7.2), achieves an R-18.2 side wall.	over the entire wall, all the way down to the footers.	an excellent vapor barrier. Punch a few mail holes through the film just before concrete i poured to help the concrete cure.

RATE 11 - OPTIONAL HEATING RATE (EXPERIMENTAL) WRITTEN CONTRACT REQUIRED

- PRIMARY HEAT SOURCE MUST BE "ELECTRIC HEAT"
 ANNUAL USAGE GENERALLY IN EXCESS OF 10,800 KWH
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RATE 11A OPTIONAL HEATING RATE

1. MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE ELECTRIC WATER HEATER

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CUSTOMER CHARGE	\$4.05	:	\$4.05	
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OVER 900 KWH, PER KWH	0.025	3.54	0.10808	134
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+ PIP ADJUSTMENT		-		

OPTIONAL HEATING &	11B WATER HEATER RATE	
1. MINIMUM 80-GALLON WATER HEATER	ON POWER COMMANDER WINTER	CONTROL Summer
CUSTOMER CHARGE ENERGY CHARGE	\$7.05	\$7.05
FIRST 550 KWH, PER KWH	0.10000 124	0.10525 134
NEXT 350 KWH, PER KWH	0.025 3.54	0.025 3.54
OVER 900 KWH, PER KWH	0.025	0.10808 /3≮
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CERTIFICATE OF AWARD

The residence located at 7116 PARKER ROAD

has been inspected and contains the following measures which contribute to the efficient use of energy:

Wall Insulation = Rll, Ceiling Insulation = R38, Floor Insulation = R19. Electric baseboard heat and an 80 gallon electric water heater with Power Commander have been installed to specifications.

These measures, when taken together, significantly reduce the amount of energy necessary for normal heating and cooling. This residence has therefore qualified as a GOOD CENTS HOME according to the standards set forth and certified by Ohio Edison on this day <u>NOVEMBER 23, 1992</u>

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General Information

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P. O. Box 3637 Akron OH 44309-3637 1-800-633-4766

Your current **PRICE TO COMPARE** for generation from Ohio Edison is **3.3** cents per kWh. For you to save, a supplier's price must be lower. To obtain an "**Apples to Apples**" comparison of available competitive electric supplier offers, visit the PUCO web site at www.ohioelectricchoice.com

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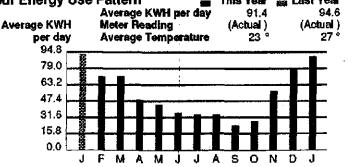
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Feb 02 Mar 02 Apr 02 May 02	2,309 2,019 1,556 1,248	Jun 02 Jul 02 Aug 02 Sep 02	1,183 1,072 1,069 815	Oct 02 Nov 02 Dec 02 Jan 03	80 1,68 2,31 3,10	5
Total Anni	ual KWHs:	19,175	Average	Monthly KV	VHs: 1,!	598

Meter Reading and Electric Use Information

Next Scheduled Meter Reading	02/21/03	
Optional Heating 11B	Total Annual KWHs Average Monthly KWHs	19,175 1,598
Meter Number	877473960	
Service To Date	01/23/03	
Service From Date	12/20/02	
Days Service Used	34	
Present Meter Reading (Actual)	649	
Previous Meter Reading (Actual)	97,542	
Kilowatt Hours Used	3,107	
Your Energy Use Pattern	- This Year	Last Year



Actual Reading Customer Charge

Delivery Charge Due Date Estimated Reading

Generation-Related Component Kilovolt Amperes (KVA) Kilowatt (KW) Kilowatt-hour (KWH)

Late Payment Charge Price to Compare

Transition Charge Generation Credit For Shopping

DEFINITIONS

A reading we take from your electric meter. The fixed monthly charge for basic distribution which partially covers costs for billing, meter reading, equipment and service line maintenance.

Charge for moving electricity over electric transmission and distribution lines to your home or business. The date the bill must be paid by to avoid a 1.5% late payment charge.

On the months we do not read your meter, we calculate your bill based on your past electrical use. Adjustments may be needed later, when we take an actual meter reading. If you would like to read your own meter to avoid estimated bills, call us for meter reading cards or access the Web site listed below.

Charges associated with the production of electricity. The generation charge on your bill reflects the 5 percent reduction required by the Ohio Legislature.

The apparent power of an electrical distribution system.

1,000 watts of electricity.

The unit of measure for the electricity you use over time. For example, you use one kilowatt-hour of electricity to light a 100-watt light bulb for ten hours.

A 1.5% late charge added to the overdue amount if you do not pay your bill by the due date.

The price that an electric supplier would have to beat in order for you to save money by switching. The price to compare will appear monthly on your local electric bill.

This charge, which has always been a part of your electric bill, is estimated to end on December 31, 2006. The credit you receive on your bill when you choose an alternate supplier.

PRICE TO COMPARE IS AN ESTIMATE BASED ON YOUR AVERAGE HISTORICAL USAGE, UPDATED QUARTERLY. IN THE FUTURE, YOUR PRICE TO COMPARE - AS WELL AS THE AMOUNT YOU ARE CREDITED IF YOU SHOP - MAY BE HIGHER OR LOWER DEPENDING ON YOUR USAGE AND SEASONAL RATE VARIANCES.

SPECIAL NOTICE

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM: If termination of service would be especially dangerous to your health or the health of someone in your household, please contact our office regarding certification of the related medical condition by a licensed physician so that service can be maintained. CUSTOMER RIGHTS & OBLIGATIONS: For a brochure describing your customer rights and obligations, please call the information number below.	THEFT OF SERVICE: Pursuant to Ohio law, it is illegal for your electric meter and associated equipment to be tampered with to obtain unauthorized use of electricity. As specified in the Ohio Revised Code, persons found guilty of stealing electricity or tampering may be subject to jail sentences up to five years and fines up to \$10,000. Meter tampering is dangerous and could result in serious personal injury or damage to property. This message is required by Ohio law.
For information about your bill or service, call or v	isit any Customer Service Office of OHIO EDISON
Customer Information & Service 1-800-633-4766 Phone Hours Mon-Fri 7:00 a.m 9:00 p.m.	To Report A Power Outage For last, easy reporting, call: 1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877)
Inquiries By Mail 76 S. Main Street CSD, Akron, Ohio 44308-1890	Our automated outage reporting line will help our service crews restore your electricity as soon as possible: Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
Visit us at our Web site www.firstenergycorp.com	OHIO EDISON provides TDD service for customers with bearing impairments. Customers with TDD equipment can call Ohio Relay Service.

Bill payment can be made by mail; in person at one of our walk-in centers or the office of an authorized agent; by direct deposit; or through our Web site. For more information about payment plans or to obtain a list of payment offices, please call us.

If you have billing questions or complaints, please call or write OHIO EDISON first. We welcome the opportunity to work with you and will try to answer your questions. If your questions are not resolved after you have called OHIO EDISON, customers may call the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), at 1-614-466-3292, or toll free at 1-800-686-7826, or visit the PUCO Web site at www.puc.state.oh.us. Residential Customers may call the Ohio Consumer's Counsel (OCC), toll free at 1-877-742-5622, or visit the OCC Web site at www.pickocc.org. Office hours for the PUCO are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The PUCO's toll-free TDD/TTY number is 1-800-686-1570. Office hours for the OCC are from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Energy Assistance, contact HEAP, at 1-800-282-0880, TDD/TTY 1-800-686-1557, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Rate Schedules, explanations of various charges, and information about the accuracy of your bill are available at our offices or by calling the Customer Information & Service telephone number listed above.

FOR YOUR PROTECTION, all employees of OHIO EDISON carry photo identification. If you doubt that someone is an employee of OHIO EDISON, ask to see his or her identification. You may also verify their employment by calling the Company.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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If you have questions about your electric bill or notice, please let us know. You may write, call, or stop in to see us — whichever is most convenient for you. If you write, please include:

Your name, electric service address, and account number.
 A telephone number where we can reach you.
 Your questions or a description of the matter that concerns you.

We welcome the opportunity to work with you and will try to answer your questions. If you are not satisfied with our response to your inquiry, you have the option of contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). The PUCO's toll free telephone number is 1-800-686-PUCO.

Rate information is available at each of our offices. If you would like a rate schedula, please let us know.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE FOR THE DEAF

Ohio Edison provides TDD service for customers with hearing impairments. Customers with TDD equipment can call, toll-free, 1-800-736-3408, weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

EXPLANATION OF TERMS

KILOWATT - A unit, equal to 1,000 watts, which is used to measure the amount of electricity required to operate electrical appliances. For example, the typical hair dryer will use about 1,000 watts or 1 kilowatt.

KILOWATT-HOUR - A unit of measurement which indicates the amount of electricity a customer uses. One kilowatt-hour equals the use of 1,000 watts of electricity for one hour. For example, if you use a 1,000 watt hair dryer for one hour or a 100-watt light bulb for ten hours, you will use one kilowatt-hour.

BILLING LOAD - For residential customers, this term represents the highest measured 30minute kilowatt (KW) demand during the period since the last meter reading. If a number is shown in this column on the bill, it indicates that a load meter is in use. Residential customers with load meters may be able to lower their electric bills through good load management practices. If you would like information about load management, please write, call, or stop in to see us.

ELECTRIC FUEL COMPONENT - This amount, expressed in cents per kilowatt-hour, represents the cost of fuel used to generate electricity for a month. The total dollar figure represents the cost of fuel for your specific electricity needs.

FOR YOUR PROTECTION

All Ohio Edison Company personnel carry identification cards. Please do not hestrate to ask our employees to identify themselves. If you question the Identity of a person representing the Ohio Edison Company, contact the Company as soon as possible.

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May 27, 2009

Account Number:

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Bill for: BRUCE A MARTIN 7116 PARKER RD CASTALIA OH 44824

Billing Period:Apr 24 to May 26, 2009 for 33 daysNext Reading Date:On or about Jun 23, 2009Bill Based On:Estimated Meter Reading

Optional Heating

Your previous bill was	161.86
Total payments/adjustments	<u>-161.86</u>
Balance at billing on May 27, 2009	0.00
Current Basic Charges	
Ohio Edison - Consumption	125.
Total Due by Jun 10, 2009 - Please pay this amount	17-1

To avoid a 1.50% Late Payment Charge being added to your bill, please pay by the due date.

Basic Charges				
Customer Number: 0802137076 00005	84532 - Optional Newtone OF	AST/AF/RD		
Customer Charge			4.00	
Distribution Related Component			54.71	
Generation Related Component			69.53	
Fransmission Related Component			11.60	
Residential Distribution Credit			-14.57	
fotal Charges			\$ 125.27	
D.A.				
Date	Reference	Amount		
Payments:	Reference			
	Reference	Amount 161.86		
Payments: 05/05/09	Reference		-161.86	
Payments: 05/05/09 Fotal Payments	Reference		<u>-161.86</u> -\$161.86	
Payments: 05/05/09 Total Payments	Reference			
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Payments: 05/05/09 Total Payments Total Payments and Adjustments Optional Heating Meter Number Present KWH Reading (Estimate)				
Payments: 05/05/09 Total Payments Total Payments and Adjustments Optional Heating Meter Number				



June 24, 2009

Account Number:

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Bill for: BRUCE A MARTIN 7116 PARKER RD CASTALIA OH 44824

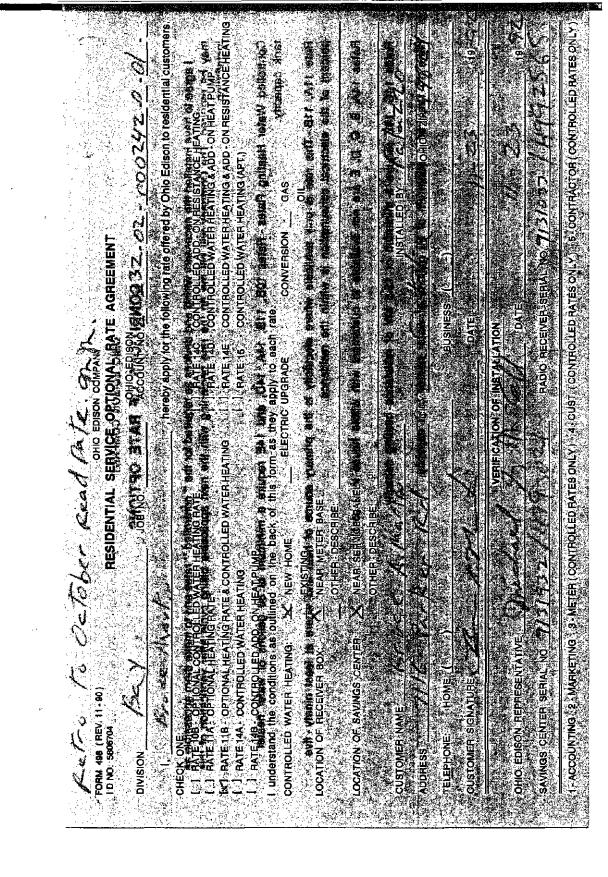
Billing Period:May 27 to Jun 23, 2009 for 28 daysNext Reading Date:On or about Jul 23, 2009Bill Based On:Actual Meter Reading

Your previous bill was	125.27
Total payments/adjustments	-125.27
Balance at billing on June 24, 2009	0.00
Current Basic Charges	
Ohio Edison - Consumption	88.93
Total Due by Jul 08, 2009 - Please pay this amount	

To avoid a 1.50% Late Payment Charge being added to your bill, please pay by the due date.

Basic Charges			
Customer Number: 0802137076 0000	584532 - Resident i	Senter OE-RS11BF / RS	
Customer Charge		in mail in Algerit 論語語	4.00
Distribution Related Component Cost Recovery Charges			31.18 0.47 54.06 -0.78
Residential Distribution Credit			
Total Charges			
	The South No. 14		
Date	Reference	Amount	
Payments:			
06/09/09		-125.27	
Total Payments			-125.27
Total Payments and Adjustments			-\$125.27
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Residential Service			
Meter Number	877473960	Meter Number	877473960
Present KWH Reading (Estimate)	25,769	Present KWH Reading (Actual)	26,384
Previous KWH Reading (Estimate)	25,636	Previous KWH Reading (Estimate)	25,769
Kilowatt Hours Used	133	Kilowatt Hours Used	615

*	Ohio Edison Company Bay Division
	Dealer/Customer Bruce Matin Date 12/7/92
	Enclosed is your check in payment for your invoice(s) for: <u>Allelectric Good Certs Home</u>
	in the amount of 500^{∞} Thank you. There of this transformed to the sincerely, 1
	Sincerely, Chile the Call



CONDITIONS OF RATE OPTIONS

I agree to have installed the necessary wiring and devices as required for the " controlled " rates and to make them accessible as may be required. The Company will bill me on the rate beginning with the next applicable billing cycle after verification of this installation.

Controlled Water Heating Rates - Rates 10B, 11B, 14A, 14D, and 14E require a minimum of 80 gallons of water heater tank capacity. Rate 11A, 11B - This rate is only available where electricity is the primary source of heat and where at least ninety - five percent of the electrical consumption is within the residence.

Rates 14A, B, C, D, E are not available to customers with whole house load controls.

Rates 14C, 14E require a minimum of 12.5 kW of resistance heating capacity.

Rate 15 requires a minimum of 50 gallons of water heater tank capacity.

BUILDER I.D. NUMBER	OE / PP REPRESENTATIVE NUMBER	
(OPTIONAL - 2. 1/23 . 199 2	COMMENT:	
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BUILDER OR CUST. NAME Bruce Martin	ACCT. # 2-232-02-(2002920.01
HOME ADDRESS B 7/16 Parker PA		
HEAT LOSS # BMARTIN BTUS PER SQUARE FOOT 17.4	1800	
HOME SIZE SQ. FT. 1.350 OR LESS 1.350 - 2.8		
HOME SIZE SQ. FT. 1,350 OR LESS 1,350 - 2,8 MAX. BTUS PER SQ. FT. 20 19	18	IF NOT
RECOMMENDED (ITEMS 1-7): (These items are not mandatory b	wit are highly recommended)	RECOMMENDED STANDAR SPECIFY STANDARD
1. FLOORS_		
R-19 over unconditioned space / basement or crawl sp	bace with polyethylene ground cover	RH OK
R-10 perimeter slab insulation (minimum) to 24" below	w grade	
2. WALLS		-
₩ ⁷ Ħ-19		
Band joist insulated (R-19)		
. Heated basement walls R-10 minimum, recommended	R-11 from sill down to basement hoor	••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••
3. CEILINGS		
R-38 (12" of fiberglass)		<u> </u>
Cathedral should use truss with full R-38 insulation (R	9-19 minimum)	
4. INFILTRATION BARRIER		
All exterior joints around windows and door frames, c		
through the exterior building envelope should be prop otherwise sealed	eny caulked, gasketed, weatherstripped	or
X A vapor retarder on the interior surface of all exterior	r wałłs	1
5. DOORS		
A Insulated and weatherstripped (We recommend R-10 d	loors)	
6. WINDOWS	···· ·	
		AK
Double glazed with a thermal break (U ₀ = 0.55 or R- Twelve percent (12%) of floor area		
7. VENTILATION		te •
Attic - a balanced, ventilation system with a minimum per two (2) square feet of attic floor area (We recomm		
\bigotimes Living area - exhaust fans and dryer vents shall be ve	ented outside, NOT to the attic or crawls	pace,
EQUIRED (ITEMS 8-10): (These items are required for GOOD CE	ENTS certification)	·
8. WATER HEATING		
80-gallon electric water heater, conforming to ASHRAE	E 90A shall be equipped with necessary	- Aishowald
control wiring		
9. ZONAL SPACE CONDITIONING ONLY (DECENTRALIZED RESISTA		······
Do zonal wattages match Good Cents Heat Loss?		
If applicable, are units positioned under windows or or		
Are wall thermostats located properly?		
10. HEAT PUMP / SYSTEM: GT INSPECTION		
Passed A+ Heat Pump / System: GT Inspection Form	- (Y 17)	