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Sunday, January 23, 2011 3:35 PM

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Subject:

Tell Duke No Nuke! We Want Low-Cost Efficiency and Renewables!

Jan 23, 2011

Public Utilities Commission

Docket # 10-503

Ohio utilities rely too heavily on dirty and expensive fossil fuels.

Ohio's new law that requires utilities to invest in efficiency and renewables is a step in the right direction - creating jobs, protecting public health, and cleaning our air. But Duke wants to be let off the hook for its efficiency responsibilities and has proposed to build an expensive new nuclear plant instead. Please hold Duke accountable!

Ohioans want efficiency and renewables - not a new nuclear plant!

Many market potential studies have proven that it's cost effective for Duke to go well beyond its efficiency requirements, and many renewable technologies are far cheaper than building a nuclear plant. Efficiency and renewables are the most cost effective ways of shielding consumers from high energy costs and protecting the environment.

If Duke is let off the hook for its energy efficiency requirements, every utility in the state may try to follow suit. Please protect all customers and the environment through strong enforcement of SB221.

Sincerely

Ms. Cheryl Duffy 3506 W 48th St Cleveland, OH 44102-6036 Public Utility Commission of Ohio

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INVESTIGATION AND AUDIT DEFISION PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO January 20, 2011

Mr. Steven Lesser, Chairman Ohio PUCO 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215



Chairman Lesser:

You have inherited a number of problems upon assuming your Chairmanship; but I am writing to address one significant problem in particular. That is the promise of a discounted electric rate for all-electric homes. Without the promised discounted rate, all-electric homes would not have been affordable to heat/cool when they were built. Any rate increases today are equally, or more, unaffordable.

In this harsh economy, First Energy's tactics are especially reprehensible. I own a building in our town's Historic Center, which I renovated into loft apartments in the early 1990's. At that time, I was 'wooed' by the Ohio Edison representative into going all-electric for these units. If this discount is removed, I will be unable to rent the apartments for the rental needed to amortize my costs. I am retired, and this is part of my retirement income. Also, adding quality units to the central core contributes to much-needed revitalization of the downtown. Removal of the all-electric discount will have a serious impact on me; on tenants who need affordable housing, and jeopardize our fragile downtown rebirth.

Fist Energy, on the other hand, has the advantage: they have money, people, the capacity to innovate (and also to be thriftier in their operations).

If you fail to hold First Energy accountable for its promises, thousands more seniors and young families will become financially vulnerable and unable to maintain their home and their independence.

Sincerely,

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1075 West Main Street Bellevue, OH 44811

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3004 Scheid Road Huron, OH 44839 419-433-4710 January 20, 2011

Commissioners Valerie Lemmie, Paul Centolella, Cheryl Roberto and Steven Lesser Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 E. Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215

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Case No. 10-176 - Ohio Edison/FirstEnergy Reneging on Their Deal to Keep the All-Electric Discount for Owners of All-Electric House

Dear Commissioners:

Please be advised of the following:

- * We constructed our all-electric home in 1974.
- * Our heating contractor brought out a representative of the electric provider who told us if the company could mount a box on our house, so they could directly control consumption, as long as the home was all-electric, we would be charged \$.04/KWH (a fixed rate) during the winter operating season, starting in the fall, and ending in the spring.
- * Based upon this commitment, we accepted the deal.
- * In June of 2008, based upon that commitment, again, we replaced our heating and cooling system with a new more energy-efficient one, at a cost of \$9,000, which we calculated would pay for itself, based upon our "deal", over approximately the next 8 years.
- * In our first 12 months of use, due to an unexpected increase in our rates during that time, our costs increased from what they would have been, honoring our deal, by approximately 40%! Needless to say, our system may now never live long enough to pay for itself.
- * Had we known of this eventuality, our home would have been a nice warm gas-heated one today.
- * With all due respect, I can't help but think of that old adage: Liars figure, but figures don't lie. This is <u>not</u> about need. It is about greed!
- * A deal is a deal, and Ohio Edison/FirstEnergy needs to live up to it FULLY!

In closing, when can we look forward to reimbursement of our increased costs, <u>all</u> of them, resulting from this unsavory act? And, when will the "old" rates be restored?

Yours truly,

John D. Farschman

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Now there is danger that this guarantee will be broken, for no other reason than greed!

I now live in retirement on a fixed income! Raising ELECTRIC RATES for myself and others is simply not acceptable. It is unfair, and perhaps illegal, to change rules that were implemented at the time we purchased our ALL ELECTRIC property. Changes in ownership of electric suppliers should not be an issue, simply because any new owner definitely would be aware of all past agreements, at the time of their purchase!

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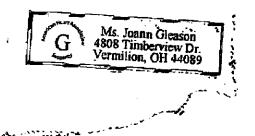
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Subject: 57635

Sent: 1/19/2011 8:06:52 PM

Message:

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Related Case Number:

TYPE: comment

NAME: Ms. Christine Broomfield

CONTACT SENDER? Yes

MAILING ADDRESS:

31265 Kimerly Drive

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PHONE INFORMATION:

Home: 440-835-3153
Alternative: 440-823-9034
Fax: (no fax number provided?)

E-MAIL: cbroomfield@wowway.com

INDUSTRY: Electric

ACCOUNT INFORMATION:

Company: The Illuminating Company
Name on account: Christine Broomfield

Service address: 31265 Kimerly Drive Bay Village, Ohio 44140

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COMMENT DESCRIPTION:

I have owned an all-electric home for 26 years. I was the third owner of the home and do not know what consideration was offered the original owner as far as discounted rates. However, I attended 2 of the public meetings held in 2010 to refute the contention of First Energy Corp that the all-electric rate discount should be rescinded. My January and February 2010 electric bills totaled over \$1200.00! Please know that I am 58 years old, I live alone, I keep my heat in the winter at no more than 63 degrees and use as few appliances as possible. I am a recent retiree and have to work part-time to supplement my pension. I have 2 children in their 20s who do not live at home, so they do not use any electricity, obviously. I would like the PUCO to be more consumer-advocate oriented. Please fight for Ohio citizens like myself who find themselves financially shocked with winter electric bills. This simply cannot continue! I do want to sell my home in the next 2 years and am frightened that the absurd electric bills for my all-electric home will deter buyers from even considering my home to buy. Please ensure that the all-electric home discount rate will continue. I suggest that summer electric rates for ALL electric consumers be increased (air conditioning costs) to absorb the increase in electric use that occurs during the winter by all-electric homeowners. Thanks. Christine Broomfield

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We were advised by the sales staff here at Columbia Park, a manufactured home community for 55 and older, when we bought our homes, that we will be receiving the "All Electric Home Discount". That discount has been in existence for over four decades. We can not afford to lose it. Many neighbors have had to leave Columbia Park due to uncontrollable financial circumstances.

As seniors we are not part of the greedy generation, we are only attempting to survive as we move forward in our lives since we moved to Columbia Park, sometimes referred to as "God's waiting room".

You have heard many stories over the last ten months or so about this issue. PUCO, please . . . we need you to consider us in your decision and need to have this "All Electric Home Discount" permanent.

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FAST FACTS ON OUR DISCOUNT FLECTRIC RATES

WHY WE OFFER DIFFERENT RATES

You might think that all residential customers in The Illuminating Company's service area receive the same basic rate each month, no matter how much electricity they use. This is not necessarily true.

Customers can be placed on a "standard" residential rate or be placed on one of several "discount" rates depending upon:

* How they heat and cool their home

* How they heat the water in their home

* How and when they use their electricity

Residential customers use about 500 kilowatthours per month. The more electric appliances you add to your home, the higher the monthly use of electricity.

Basically, customers who use electricity in a higher-than-average volume can get electricity at a less expensive kilowatthour rate. Unlike many commercial products, electricity can't be stored for later use. It is produced on demand. The excess power that we generate can be sold at a lower price. So the more electricity you use, the less your cost will be for each kilowatthour.

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio approves the rates that The Illuminating Company offers to our customers. The following is an explanation of our discount rate schedule.

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when we moved in. WATER HEATING: This discount rate applies to any home that has an electric water heater as the sole source of water heating. Customers can receive significant savings on their total monthly energy bills by using an electric water heater discount rate.

There are a few requirements to qualify for this discount. The electric water heater must be 40 gallons or higher capacity, insulated to R-10 or higher and be warranted for at least five years. This rate represents on average an 18% discount compared to the standard residential rate.

SPACE HEATING: You qualify for this discount rate when the sole heating source of your home is electric. This could be an electric furnace, heat pump, baseboard, electric boiler or radiant panels.

Again, you're saving on your total monthly energy bills because you're getting electricity at a discount rate over using fossil fuel, like gas, oil or propane to heat your home. This space heating rate is in effect between October 1 and May 31.

ALL-ELECTRIC: Customers are placed on this year-round rate when the sole source of space hearing and water heating is electric. This rate combines the winter discount of the space heating rate with the summer discount of the water heating rate.

Once again, you save money since you're getting electricity at a discount rate rather than using gas, oil or propane to heat your home and water. And because of the summer discount, cooling costs are also less.

HEAT & COOL PUMP: You'll receive a significant discount on your cooling and heating when you install the Heat & Cool Pump onto a gas, oil or propane furnace. A separate electric meter records only the electricity used by the Heat & Cool Pump. This usage is then billed to you at a discount rate—in the summer for cooling: in the trains himme and fall for heating