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8724 Timber Edge Drive  
N Ridgeville, OH 44039  
February 11, 2011

Governor John Kasich  
Governor's Office  
Riffe Center, 30th Floor  
77 South High Street  
Columbus, OH 43215-6108

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RE: All-Electric Discount

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Dear Governor Kasich:

Thomas Alva Edison, a native son of Northern Ohio, was one of America's greatest inventors obtaining 1,093 patents during his lifetime. We all know that Thomas Edison invented the lightbulb. He also designed and built factories that made many of his products, including plants to produce electricity. Because of Thomas Edison we have heat, light, and power. But Ohio Edison, a namesake company, is attempting to leave me sitting in the dark and the cold.

Please encourage the PUCO from letting Ohio Edison (First Energy) take away the things that native son Thomas Edison gave us Ohioans--affordable heat and light. My name is Rita Lockhart. I reside in Lorain County at 8724 Timber Edge Drive, N. Ridgeville, OH 44039, in Ridgefield, a 500 acre, 700 home all-electric planned development.

I was born and grew up here in Lorain County. I have degrees from Miami University and the University of Dayton. I worked in Butler and Montgomery Counties and at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton before moving out of state. I have always been proud of my home state and wanted to move back here when we retired.

My husband and I moved to our present home, our retirement home, in February 2009 from out-of-state. Even though we have lived in California, Colorado, Louisiana, Texas, Wyoming and overseas, we never previously had an all-electric home. After discovering that our desired home was all-electric and before making an offer on this home, we did what most diligent and prudent

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buyers of the most expensive investment of their lives would do--we requested a detailed accounting of the cost of electricity at this home.

Attached is a copy of a Detailed Statement of Account prepared by Ohio Edison for the former owner of our home for the period 4/10/07 to 4/08/08. Also attached is an e-mail from the realtor for the sellers of this house to our realtor listing the amount of electric bills for the months of September, October, and November 2008. None of these bills exceeded \$300.00/month and most were far less than that amount. We were not told and the statement prepared by Ohio Edison did not indicate that this statement reflected an all-electric discount rate which Ohio Edison and First Energy had unilaterally and arbitrarily discontinued and that we as new buyers would not receive this all-electric discount rate.

We were shocked to receive a bill for the period December 4, 2009 to January 4, 2010 in the amount of \$571.76--almost double any previous bill, and more than double the average of previous bills, but for comparable or lesser usage of electricity. See attached copy.

To summarize:

#### ALL-ELECTRIC DISCOUNT RATE

12/07-1/08	4,095 Kwh used	Cost--\$227.70
1/08-2/08	4,552 Kwh used	Cost--\$262.66
2/08-3/08	5,303 Kwh used	Cost--\$298.47

#### NON ALL-ELECTRIC RATE

12/04/09- 1/04/10	4,787 Kwh	Cost--\$571.76
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In May 2010, the all-electric discount rate was temporarily re-instated through May 2011. However, we need to continue to receive this all-electric discounted rate permanently.

The months of December 2010 and January 2011 were exceptionally cold. Our electric bill for the period November 30 to December 29, 2010 was \$365.19. However, our discount (Residential Generation Credit) for December 2010 was \$313.90. If we did not have the **temporary** all-electric discount our electric bill for this period would have been **\$689.09** for usage of 6,552 kwh. (See attached bill and chart). This is twice what we budgeted for electricity and more than we can afford as retirees.

Our bill for the period December 30, 2010-January 28, 2011 was \$347.62. However, our discount was \$299.95. Without the discount, our bill would have been **\$647.57**. Again, this is twice what we budgeted for electricity. (See attached chart).

There is no alternative source of heat in most of this 700 unit planned development. There are no gas lines. Even if gas lines are installed, my home and the homes of my neighbors do not have furnaces and hot water tanks compatible with gas. The cost to install compatible gas equipment will easily exceed \$10,000 per home. We have investigated adding solar panels to our home. The cost is high and benefit is estimated at only providing a minor reduction in our energy costs.

In the 70s, Ohio Edison, a subsidiary of First Energy, wanted to compete with natural gas and sell more electricity in the winter so they induced builders to build all-electric homes by paying them financial incentives to build all-electric. Builders were required to install certain electric energy using systems like 80 gallon water tanks and electric heat pumps. In exchange, home buyers were given an all-electric discount rate. A contract was formed. Benefits flowed to both parties--the electric company and the all-electric homeowner. The electric company sold more electricity and all-electric homeowners received a discounted rate.

Now, First Energy has the ability to sell its excess electricity out-of-state, so they no longer find it advantageous to continue the all-electric discount rate. Builders built all-electric homes and homeowners bought all-electric homes based upon the concept of a mutually beneficial contract. Ohio Edison, First Energy, and the Illuminating Company now want to unilaterally break their contract by discontinuing the all-electric discount.

My husband and I would not have bought this property had we known that we would have such high utility bills, because the home is all-electric. Likewise, current owners of all-electric properties will not be able to sell those properties for their fair market value, when buyers can buy a comparable gas heated home with reasonable utility bills. Property values on our all-electric homes will drop, perhaps 30-40%. This loss in property value will significantly lower the tax revenue base in our communities and on a state level. Thus, revenues for public services and schools will drop significantly. In these tough financial times, we need to do everything possible to keep utility costs down and home prices stable so Ohioans can prosper.

Please do not allow Ohio Edison, First Energy and the PUCO leave me sitting in the cold and dark!!! The all-electric rate needs to be PERMANENTLY reinstated and run with the property (be passed to future owners of these properties).

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rita Lockhart". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "L".

Rita Lockhart

**OHIO EDISON BILLS**  
**8724 Timber Edge Drive, N Ridgeville, OH 44039**

<b>Date of Bill</b>	<b>Service Dates</b>	<b>TKw</b>	<b>Bill BEFORE Discount</b>	<b>Discount</b>	<b>Amount Paid Actual Minus Discount</b>
9/30/2010	Aug.31-Sept.29, 2010 (30 days)	1,086 Kw	\$118.99	\$10.70	\$108.29
11/1/2010	Sept. 30-Oct. 29, 2010 (30 days)	1,186 Kw	\$128.90	\$12.90	\$116.00
11/30/2010	Oct. 30-Nov. 29, 2010 (31 days)	2,708 Kw	\$283.26	\$97.52	\$185.74
12/30/2010	Nov. 30-Dec. 29, 2010 (30 days)	6,552 Kw	\$679.09	\$313.90	\$365.19
1/31/2011	Dec.30-Jan.28, 2011 (30 days)	6,306 Kw	\$647.57	\$299.95	\$347.62

Bill for: RITA LOCKHART  
8724 TIMBER EDGE DR  
NORTH RIDGEVILLE OH 44039

Billing Period: Nov 30 to Dec 29, 2010 for 30 days  
Next Reading Date: On or about Jan 27, 2011  
Bill Based On: Actual Meter Reading


Residential Service

Account Summary		Amount Due
Your previous bill was	185.74	
Total payments/adjustments	-185.74	
Balance at billing on December 30, 2010	0.00	0.00
Current Basic Charges		
Ohio Edison - Consumption		368.19
Total Due by Jan 13, 2011 - Please pay this amount		\$368.19

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

Under State law, the amount you are being billed includes:

- (1) Kilowatt-hour taxes that have been in effect since 2001 and are currently at \$28.44; and
- (2) Assessments to assist in the support of the operations of the PUCO and the office of the consumers' counsel that have been in effect since 1912 and 1977, respectively.

General Information			
	Bill issued by:	<b>Ohio Edison</b>	Customer Service 1-800-633-4766
	Ohio Edison		24-Hour Emergency/Outage Reporting 1-888-544-4877
	PO Box 3637		Payment Options 1-800-686-3421
	Akron OH 44309-3637		visit us on-line at <a href="http://www.firstenergycorp.com">www.firstenergycorp.com</a>

Price to Compare Message	
Your current PRICE TO COMPARE for generation and transmission from Ohio Edison is listed below. 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 <a href="http://www.PUCO.ohio.gov">www.PUCO.ohio.gov</a> .	
Residential Service - 0001526495	6.88 cents per kWh

*col. #36519*  
*1/7/11*  
*C# 3687*

See other pages for additional information and telephone numbers.

**Messages**

Pursuant to Ohio Law, the Universal Service Fund Rider rate has been adjusted effective with this bill.

**Charges from Ohio Edison this billing period**

 When contacting a Certified Retail Electric Service Provider, please provide the customer numbers below.  
Call Ohio Edison at 1-800-633-4765 with questions on these charges.

**Basic Charges**

Customer Number: 0802259206 0001528495 - Residential Service - OE-RSF

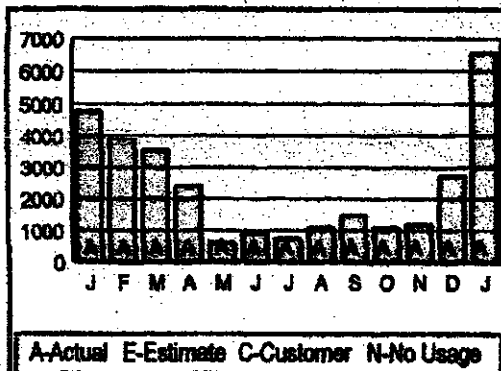
Customer Charge	4.00
Distribution Related Component	359.60
Cost Recovery Charges	6.95
Bypassable Generation and Transmission Related Component	317.54
Residential Generation Credit	-313.00
<b>Total Charges</b>	<b>\$ 365.19</b>

**Total Payments and Adjustment Information**

Date	Reference	Amount
Payments:		
12/08/10		-185.74
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>-185.74</b>
<b>Total Payments and Adjustments</b>		<b>-\$185.74</b>

**Meter Reading Information**

Residential Service	
Meter Number	681702449
Present KWH Reading (Actual)	61,828
Previous KWH Reading (Actual)	55,276
Kilowatt Hours Used	6,552

**Usage Information****Usage Comparison****Historical Usage Information**

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Average Daily Use (KWH)	150	218
Average Daily Temperature	26	23
Days in Billing Period	32	30
Last 12 Months Use (KWH)		26,266
Average Monthly Use (KWH)		2,189

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Customer Number: 0802259286 0001526495 - Residential Service - OE-RSF

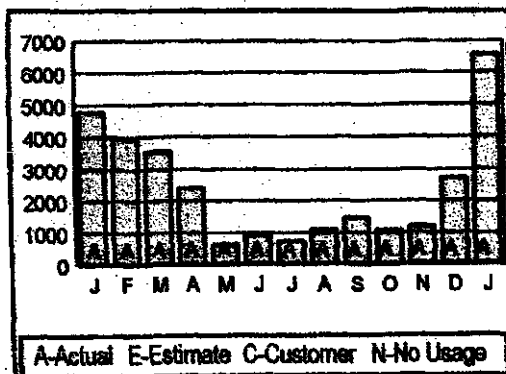
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

Customer Name: FRANK SWIDERSKY

Account Number:

Service Address:

8724 TIMBER EDGE DR  
NORTH RIDGEVILLE OH 44039

04/10/07	KWH	82,707	2,482	30	82	Act	183.18	183.18	56/22/07	-188.25	0.00
05/09/07	KWH	84,893	1,885	32	82	Act	132.37	132.37	06/21/07	-153.18	0.00
06/08/07	KWH	84,388	1,883	30	88	Act	183.88	183.88	07/23/07	-132.37	0.00
07/19/07	KWH	88,318	1,989	38	88	Act	218.42	218.42	08/22/07	-188.25	0.00
08/07/07	KWH	88,381	1,845	30	88	Act	181.12	181.12	09/24/07	-218.42	0.00
09/17/07	KWH	71,047	1,088	28	89	Act	111.39	111.39	10/22/07	-181.12	0.00
10/16/07	KWH	72,851	1,834	30	84	Act	118.00	118.00	11/20/07	-111.29	0.00
11/09/07	KWH	78,002	3,321	33	101	Act	182.88	182.88	12/20/07	-118.00	0.00
12/08/07	KWH	80,087	4,085	32	128	Act	227.70	227.70	01/22/08	-182.88	0.00
01/17/08	KWH	84,649	4,562	30	167	Act	252.88	252.88	02/21/08	-227.70	0.00
02/05/08	KWH	88,952	5,808	30	177	Act	288.47	288.47	03/20/08	-252.88	0.00
03/17/08	KWH	88,443	5,480	29	120	Act	216.88	216.88	04/25/08	-288.47	0.00
04/08/08	KWH										815.88

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To: dr30147@yahoo.com

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Good Afternoon Dave,

I've spoken with the Seller and he is going to be calling Ohio Edison to see about getting an updated 'Detailed Statement of Account' from April 2008 up to the present time. I'm told it took a couple of days for them to get the initial statement so I don't know how long it will take to get this updated one. In the mean time, the Seller provided me with the last 3 bills he has, covering the September, October and November usage...those bills were \$86.44, \$108.43 and \$180.84. Please remember that there is only one person living there right now so I don't know if this information helps your Buyers or not. The original statement provided was covering usage for 3 adults...one being a teenager with a couple of loads of laundry and running the dishwasher every day.

Very good. I hope this helps! Please don't hesitate to call with any other questions.

Respectfully,

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