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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to protest the approval of First Energy's plan to distribute "free" CFL bulbs. This was a terrible idea when it was first proposed and it is even worse now. You seem to think that every First Energy customer should donate \$54.00 to First Energy and recoup that money through savings from using CFL's.

I have already changed to CFL's for nearly every light bulb in my house. Where am I to get additional savings to pay First Energy \$54.00? If there was any benefit to this program, it should include 13 watt bulbs (60 watt equivalent). My understanding is that it only includes 23 watt bulbs (100 watt equivalent). In my house 60 watt bulbs are much more prevalent. If this program was really about saving energy, not enriching First Energy at customers' expense, it should include 13 watt bulbs, as they are more energy efficient and probably more widely used.

This was a First Energy boondoggle from the beginning. Let First Energy deal with their own mistakes, instead of expecting their customers to bail them out. If First Energy is suffering "lost distribution revenue" from energy efficiency, let them recover it through reduced generation costs.

Thank you for your consideration.

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