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Dear Chairman Snitchler,

As You are aware, FirstEnergy Corp. recently filed for a continuation of their current Electric Security Plan on April 13, 2012 with the PUCO. If granted, FirstEnergy's ESP will not expire till May 31, 2016 instead of their current date of May 31, 2014.

We are concerned with FirstEnergy's request to expedite the PUCO's approval of what constitutes a significant policy decision that will impact hundreds of thousands of electric customers across Ohio. The PUCO is authorized up to 275 days to thoroughly review and consider any presented security plan but FirstEnergy has requested the PUCO make their decision in a meager 18 days. A ruling of this nature and complexity cannot be rushed. The PUCO must have time to properly investigate and deliberate with time allotted for public discussion, review and comment in order to make an informed decision.

FirstEnergy justifies their request for a rushed decision claiming this approval is needed due to the fact on May 7, 2012, only five days later; FirstEnergy will potentially participate in the PJM capacity auction for the 2015-2016 planning year. The fact the request was not made sooner makes it, and perhaps even the underlying argument, seemingly disingenuous and suspect.

On behalf of our constituents, we request the PUCO engage with FirstEnergy and exercise its due diligence to guarantee the public's trust before any decision is made concerning the company's request. We would further ask, if the PUCO agrees with FirstEnergy's desire to add their energy efficiency and demand response resources into the May 7, 2012 auction, the Commission would bifurcate this issue for approval or disapproval by May 2, 2012 but utilize more time for deliberation, up to the full 275 days, to consider the remainder of the ESP.

Thank you for your consideration on this critical issue, we look forward to your timely response and future discussion.

Sincerely,

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