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PUCO

Attn: Docketing

180 East Broad Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

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Re: Against FirstEnergy's new ESP3 or Case # 12-1230-EL-SSO

Dear PUCO:

This letter is to <u>register our opposition</u> to FirstEnergy's request for an additional \$405 million in Distribution Costs (Rider DCR). When we built our all-electric home in 1975-6 we were promised an all electric rate which would not increase EVER!

It is incumbent on the PUCO to monitor and keep low all elements of residential electricity. COMPETITION IS KEY!

Since this spring, AEP Retail Energy (division of American Electric Power) and Duke offered lower rates for electric generation, First Energy Solutions Corp. immediately decreased its rate to meet competition and not lose customers!

Unfortunately, First Energy (the distributor of electricity in the Cleveland area) is a monopoly and has no incentive to lower its rates. Therefore, we - the consumers — must rely on PUCO to keep our distribution rates low.

Please rule in favor of the consumer!

Very truly yours,

Volodymyr Bazarko

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