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To the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO).

My name is Caroline Widemann; it has come to my attention that FirstEnergy is planning to raise our rates in order to pay for updating their old outdated coal plants. I 'am concerned about this for several reasons first and for most important being that we are paying for the update of an old and soon to be obsolete form of energy. Fossil fuels are quickly becoming a thing of the past not only because of the fact that it is destroying the earth and our health but also because it is fuel that will see an end in the not so distant future.

Contrary to the belief of a select few, Global Warming is a scientific fact and if we continue using fossil fuel it will increase to the point of no return. Not unlike you and the rest of the world we need to invest in ways to reduce the pollution and make energy clean and more cost efficient, not only for now but the future of our planet.

If there is a price hike it should go for establishing forms of clean and renewable energy. The horse is almost dead let's stop beating it. FirstEnergy should have their customers as a top priority not the shareholders after all we are the ones who use the product and pay for it. Without us there would be no them.

In the long run it would only be to FirstEnergy's benefit to update and keep up with the European countries and even some third world counties. If another company comes along and offers a more efficient and clean form of energy they will be left behind. So why wait it correct this matter.

Thank you for letting me express my thoughts and opinions.

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