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December 5, 2014

Public Utilities Commission
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
Re: Case Number 14-0841EL-SSO

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing this letter to encourage the commission to deny Duke Energy the legal right to raise utilities rates to support old and obsolete power plants. Certainly, households and businesses need low cost energy sources to maintain budgets and compete on a global basis. However, doing so at the expense of air and water pollution is not a good solution.

The days of regulated utilities where price changes were a function of the financial return on fixed assets are long gone as are the days when utilities formed the backbone of retirement investments that favored stable and steady dividend income over time. Utilities must now compete for customers based on their marginal cost of production and the quality of their products and services. Thus, imposing a legal mandate where prices can be based on the utility owning local distribution networks and obsolete power plants yet not supplying the consumer's power comes across as a violation of free market principles.

Keep in mind that I am not against the use of coal for regional energy needs. Coal is an important element in the energy mix and will continue to be so until technology such as solar or nuclear fusion becomes practical on a large-scale commercial basis. We need the BTUs available from coal, but need to obtain the energy in forms that do not harm the environment or cause long-term health problems now common in large cities located in China where coal has become a dominant fuel for electrical power. News reports documenting Chinese health and pollution concerns cannot be ignored.

I suggest the commission explore financial incentives to help the coal producers, utilities, and energy companies to form new business ventures to convert coal into BTUs of energy in the form of liquid fuels or gaseous fuels that can be transported through the existing energy delivery system. Avoiding the use of coal in any form simply helps transfer more wealth from North America to unstable and sometimes hostile regions of the world thus making the extreme arguments to avoid using coal unacceptable to America's best interests. Incentivizing Duke Energy to continue using obsolete power plants through your pricing authority is an equally unattractive option for the region and nation.

Sincerely,


Nicholas D. Ursini

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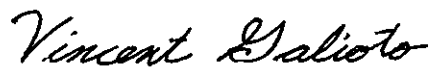
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Attention Case Number: 14-0841EL-SS0

Dear Public Utilities Commission of Ohio,

These plants, that are about to be bailed out, only care about their bottom line. It makes no sense to bail out an industry that is outdated and harms the community. These plants are the worst offenders when it comes to greenhouse gas emissions. AEP, which has stake in a few of them, has one of the worst records when it comes to the environment. The companies should focus on refurbishing these plants or investing in new ones. The utilities seem more interested in dodging regulations at the ratepayers' expense, rather than making themselves more competitive.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vincent Galioto".

Vincent Galioto

6914 Gammwell Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45230
November 26, 2014

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215


ATTN: Case Number 14-0841EL-SSO

As homeowners committed to cleaner air in Ohio and across the country, we are writing to urge you to deny the rate increase to lock consumers into buying power from the oldest, dirtiest coal plants.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Bronsil



Elizabeth Bronsil

November 26, 2014


I am writing you this letter in reference to the case# 14-0841EL-SSO.

My name is Michael Gundrum Jr. and I am a Duke Energy customer. I am contacting you with a few concerns. First off I live within 10 miles of your Beckjord power plant. I understand that due to its age and the cost to bring it up to current standards the plant has either closed or soon will be closing. This will likely have a significant impact on the economy of New Richmond and Pierce Township along with the real estate market in that area. I'm not sure what the plans are as far as demolition or repurposing the facility. I'm surprised that with technology we can't do better than making this facility a ghost town.

With that said our cost of utilities have been ever increasing and I don't see how your customers should be saddled with funding the replacement of outdated facilities either by increasing your fees yet again on our usage costs or socking us with higher taxes by way of a bailout. Please do what is right for all involved not just your share holders. There have to be better alternatives. We can send spacecraft millions of miles away, but we can't come up with a better way to power our country?

What are you doing currently to provide these needs without making our waters unsafe to drink and play in, or our air to breathe? There are answers for clean energy I'm just asking you to take on the challenge and provide sound energy sources, along with great customer service to those who use the services and the environment.

Thank you,


Michael Gundrum Jr.

December 4, 2014

PUCO

Attention: Case No. 14-0841-EL-SSO

180 East Broad Street

Columbus, OH 43215

Greetings:

Please understand my wife Margaret and I strongly believe Duke Energy needs to retire its outdated coal-fire power plants.

Of course, these plants generate more than electricity. Since these plants are long-ago paid-for, these plants generate lots of money for Duke Energy.

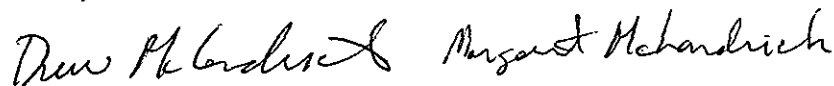
Of course, Duke Energy wants to drag its heels and keep milking these cash cows.

Of course, the real issue is these outdate coal-fired power plants produce more toxins than is necessary to produce the same amount of electricity as a modern plant produces.

Please help the public who really cannot help itself.

Of course we need electricity, but not with the unnecessary toxins.

Yours,

Handwritten signatures of Drew and Margaret McLandrich in cursive script.

Drew and Margaret McLandrich

415 Worthington Ave.

Cincinnati, OH 45215

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To Executives @ PUCO

I am writing to convey my strong opposition
to a rate increase to lock me (consumers)
into buying energy from outdated &
toxic polluting coal plants!!

I vehemently resent being forced to
bail out Ohio's outdated coal plants!

Thanks

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