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COMMENT DESCRIPTION:

I am not able to travel so far as Toledo to be present at the public hearing tonight so am taking this opportunity to voice my clear objection to the proposals put forward by Duke Energy, AEP, and First Energy to take away the choice now provided to Ohio consumers by deregulation.

It is my understanding that the proposals, as "nonbypassable", would force Ohio's electric consumers to pay the aforementioned utilities specifically for power from these coal-fired power plants.

I currently purchase electricity from a another company which provides energy from renewable sources.

I decided to pay a premium for that. I do not wish to be forced to buy power from dirty coal sources - even if the price is lower.

Also, as I am not purchasing electricity from these sources, I do not feel I should be charged for the decommissioning and cleanup of these plants - especially since these utilities were already compensated for the switch to a deregulated environment back in 1999.

I support deregulation and the competition that is meant to follow upon deregulation. Changing the rules in order to make the operation of non-competitive plants a sound business decision for the companies is a perversion of market forces to reward unsound practices.

Please do not approve these proposals.