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

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PUCO

Dear PUCO,

I pay my electric bills to First Energy and I care about clean air. I would request you support the efforts of Ohio Citizen Action case number First Energy 14-1297-EL-SSO and deny a rate increase to continue to support outdated power plants.

All Ohio citizens deserve clean air and water and affordable electric utility bills.

Sincerely,



Mark Hetrick

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To PUCO:

4/2/15

We must not raise rates and  
Keep using coal to generate  
electricity No!

14-1297-EL-SSO

Murray A. Dickel

P. U. C. O.

First Energy - case # 14-1297-EL-SSO

Please deny the rate increase to lock consumers into buying power from Ohio's oldest, dirtiest coal plants

My family & I care about reducing toxic pollution and saving money on our electric bills. Here in Avon Lake you can see the polluting smoke from the powerplant everyday. I have friends who have lived their whole lives in Avon Lake who have passed away or are living with cancer which may have been caused by the powerplant

A hubout of old, polluting technology only benefits utility shareholders and delays inevitable investment in efficiency and renewable energy

Brenda Freeman  
171 Beck Rd  
Avon Lake OH

NO FOSSIL FUELS !

NO BRILLOUTS !

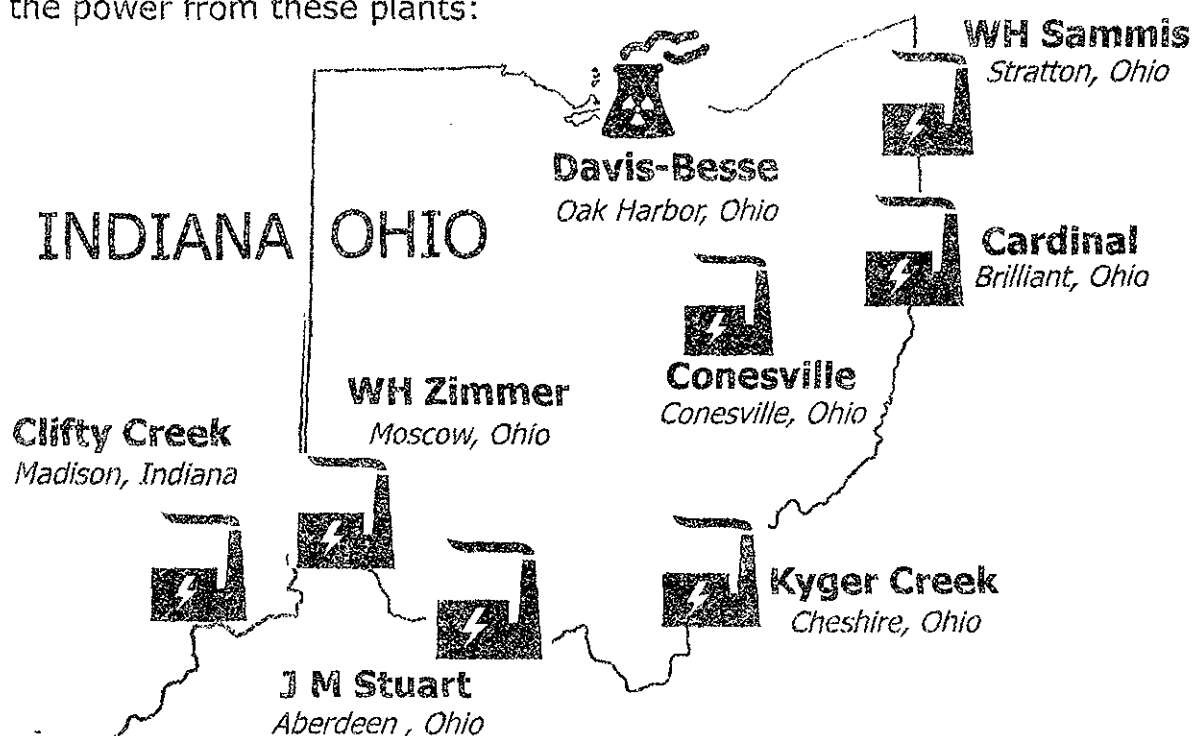
DON'T YOU PEOPLE LIKE  
TO BREATHE ?

Janice Benge

# Stop the FirstEnergy bailout

Duke Energy, AEP, and First Energy teamed up to file proposals with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to get permission to raise consumer rates and use the profits to cover the costs of their outdated and inefficient coal plants. These energy companies want to shift the cost of these outdated coal plants to consumers.

If the PUCO approves their plans, ratepayers would have to pay FirstEnergy, Duke and AEP specifically for the power from these plants:



This request is a bailout because they are asking the PUCO to be allowed to have a "Purchase Power Agreement." Customers have to purchase power from these plants. These plants are well beyond their prime, and they cannot compete economically or environmentally. This would be a "nonbypassable" charge on your electric bill – meaning that even if you have chosen a different provider, you still have to pay the increased rates.

If these utilities were able to sell this generation capacity at a profit on the open market, they wouldn't be asking for customers to bail these facilities out. Millions of Ohio consumers paid billions of dollars to these same utilities for their transition to deregulated power plants, under a 1999 Ohio law. Fifteen years later, they are again asking consumers to pay charges related to the power plants. They've made it clear in their filings that if they don't get this request, these plants could be forced to retire.

## **Urgent deadline: Comments due now**

Let Governor John Kasich and the PUCO know that consumers are not going to stand for a bailout of the state's outdated coal plants.

# **Please write your public comment tonight**

The five members of the PUCO are appointed by the Governor. Comments from FirstEnergy ratepayers and business owners are incredibly important and best if written in your own words. Here are some points to get you started:

- Please deny the rate increase to lock consumers into buying power from Ohio's oldest, dirtiest coal plants.
- I pay my bill to... and I care about this issue because ...
- My family and I care about reducing toxic pollution and saving money on our electric bills.
- A bailout of old, polluting technology only benefits utility shareholders and delays inevitable investment in efficiency and renewable energy.

**IMPORTANT:** Remember to include the case number for FirstEnergy **14-1297-EL-SSO** in your letter.

Please address your letters to:

**Governor John Kasich**  
**Riffe Center, 30th Floor**  
**77 South High Street**  
**Columbus, OH 43215-6117**

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

Please tape your letters to your door by 7:30 today. Have kids? Get them involved with their own letters or drawings. Thank you.

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

March 3, 2015

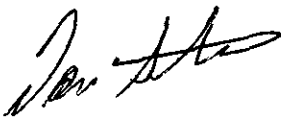
To: PUCO Board Members  
Re: **Case Number 14-1297-EL-SSO** (First Energy)

As a citizen of Ohio, I request that you please deny the rate increase requested by First Energy. I ask you to do this for several reasons:

1. It effectively locks Ohio's consumers into buying power from the state's oldest and dirtiest coal plants.
2. I care about this issue because I have a family that lives in Ohio. I do not want my children growing up to breathe dirty, polluted air, especially when there are so many clean and sustainable alternatives through which Ohio can meet its energy needs. I also care about saving money on my energy bills.
3. Voting for what amounts to an economic bailout of old, polluting energy technology does not benefit Ohio's consumers and voting public. It only serves to reward First Energy and its investors, and places a roadblock into the real solution: investment in efficient and renewable energy.

I ask you to give this issue and your vote careful consideration so that what you decide benefits ALL of Ohio.

Thank you



Dan Stech  
718 Wedgewood Dr.  
Avon Lake Ohio  
440-935-4675

To whom it may concern,  
Regarding FirstEnergy case # 14-1297-EL-SSO,  
I am a resident of Cleveland Heights. I pay my electric  
bill to FirstEnergy and I expect that they will  
make the best effort to provide affordable  
energy in an environmentally conscious way.  
Please deny the rate increase to lock consumers  
into buying power from Ohio's oldest, dirtiest  
coal plants. I care about reducing pollution  
and saving money on electric bills. I believe  
that it is important to look to the future and  
invest in more efficient and environmentally safe  
renewable energy. Therefore I ask that you  
deny the request and allow these antiquated plants  
to be taken off line in favor of more modern  
facilities.

Thank you for consideration,  
Jim Mather



To the P. U. C. O. board,

I am writing to ask that you deny the rate increase for Ohio Energy. The old, polluting technology (coal plants) do not benefit the majority of Ohio. It does benefit the elite few shareholders. It is time to think of the citizens of Ohio and help to clean the air, by reducing the toxic pollution from coal plants.

Thank you  
Sharon Dreyer

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

April 4, 2015

Please deny the rate increase, which locks us Ohio citizens into buying power from the state's oldest & dirtiest coal plants.

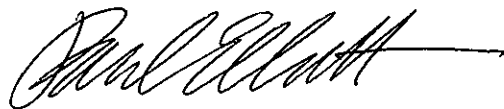
We strongly care about this for many reasons:

- these are supposed to be "public" utilities but I fear my voice is seldom heard in such matters
- these are supposed to be "public" utilities, but they are owned and beholden to stockholders, not necessarily the public they are established to serve
- any bailout of this old, polluting technology only benefits such shareholders, and ultimately delays the inevitable investments needed to provide newer, more efficient, less polluting, and renewable energy
- my middle class family cares about saving money on our electric bills and truly cares about reducing the toxic emissions of old coal plants

Our family is "Buckeye" tried & true. We have raised our children here, and now the next generation, our grandchildren. We live & work, and own a business here. We have college degrees from UC, Miami, OU, & OSU. We want a "better state"..... one that is cleaner, smarter, and moving forward. Please help make that happen for us all.

Thank you for your time & service to the citizens of our great state. Please consider the above appeal in your decisions on this most weighty matter before you.

Respectfully,



Paul Elliott

Molly Kelly-Elliott



Residence  
242 Cordero Trail  
Loveland OH 45140

Business  
Apex Specialties  
523 West Loveland  
Loveland OH 45140

Employer  
Miami University  
Ed Psych Dept  
Oxford OH 45056

Re Case # FirstEnergy - 14-1297

PUCO  
180 E. Broad St.  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

25 Feb. 2015  
First Energy Case No.  
14-1297-EL-SSD

This is not 1915, 1950 or 1975.  
We are in the year 2015, and we know  
the dangers of outdated coal plants.  
For the sake of our citizens in Ohio  
and our environment these plants  
need to be brought up to date and  
maintained, but NOT AT THE EXPENSE  
OF THE CONSUMERS. Times are not  
easy. Money comes hard. The cost  
of electricity is already so high.  
Many are receiving assistance on their  
electric bill, as it is. THE CONSUMERS  
SHOULD NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR  
FIRST ENERGY'S POOR PLANNING  
AND MONEY MANAGEMENT. Maybe  
they should apply for a Government  
Grant. We the people... should  
not have to bail them out!

A Concerned First Energy Customer,  
Kathy Carroll-Lawrence  
Kathy Carroll-Lawrence  
54 May Ct.  
Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44022  
440-247-2834

Re: first energy 14-1297-el-sso

To Whom It May Concern:

Please deny the rate increase to lock consumers into buying power from ohio's outdated cold plants. I pay my bill to first energy, and I care about this issue because it affects my newborn son. My family and I care about reducing toxic pollution and saving money on our electric bills. A bailout of old and outdated coal plants is un-american and prevents innovation in energy.

Thank you.

Sincerely

Henry Goodnough

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'H. Goodnough', with a long, sweeping flourish extending from the end.

3/6/15

To Whom It may Concern,

Regarding case no. 14-1297-EL-550

I am writing this letter to express my request to deny a rate increase in my electric bill. I do not wish to help fund a bailout of outdated inefficient coal plants, which are bad for the environment.

Sincerely,  
Michelle D. Berthold  
- concerned  
consumer

March 25, 2015

To: Public Utilities Commission of Ohio,

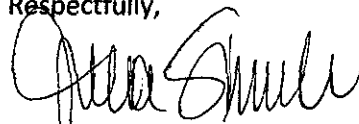
Re: First Energy case number 14-1297-EL-SSO

My family and I care about reducing toxic pollution and saving money on our electric bills.

A bail out of old, polluting technology only benefits utility shareholders and delays inevitable investment in efficiency and renewable energy.

Please deny the rate increase to lock consumers into buying power from Ohio's oldest, dirtiest coal plants.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julia Simile". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Julia" and last name "Simile" clearly distinguishable.

Julia Simile

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

03/30/15

**Subject: First Energy Case 14-1297-EL-SSO**

To Whom it May Concern

— As a citizen of Ohio, and a citizen who does my best to conserve electricity, I don't like the prospect of having to see Ohio keep updating or using old Power plants. Does Ohio want to be known as old fashioned, holding on to the past or do they want to be a leader in trying to create new energy sources. I know this is a difficult issue, but with prices being raised in an already stressed economy and with such a hard winter this year, it cannot be good for the economy of Ohio to raise prices.

We don't support the PUCO raising of consumer prices.

Sincerely,

John Williams Jr.  
2356 Grandview Ave  
Cleveland Heights, OH 44106  
717-303-4797

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

From:  
Emily Lampe  
2975 Scarborough Road  
Cleveland Heights, OH 44118

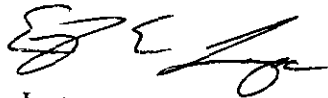
Date: 3/17/15

Dear PUCO,

I am writing to say that you and Governor Kasich should deny the rate increase to lock consumers into buying power from Ohio's oldest, dirtiest coal plants.  
(Referring to case number 14-1297-EL-SSO)

Funds should be put to use solely to finance the construction of clean and renewable energy sources. The time to finance non-renewable and high pollution energy is past. Please make your decisions with our present and, more importantly, future generations in mind.

Sincerely,

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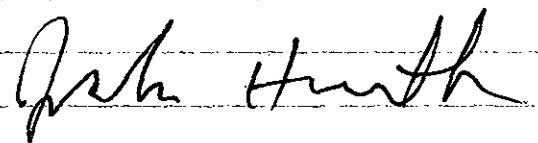
Emily Lampe



20 March 2015

To the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio:

I am writing regarding the proposals filed with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio by Duke Energy, AEP, and First Energy (case # 14-1297-EL-SSO). It would seem that these proposals if accepted, would have a negative impact on our collective effort toward increasing investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency. As such investments <sup>are</sup> desired by Ohio citizens, clearly inevitable, and would necessarily be most beneficial the sooner they are increased, it is clear to me that the best use of government and tax-payer money is to invest in renewable energy rather than toxic coal plants. Thus, the best course of action is to deny the rate increase proposed by the above-mentioned energy companies.



Jordan Horvath

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

March 25, 2015

180 East Broad Street Street

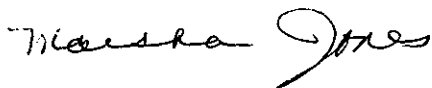
Columbus, Ohio 43215

I would encourage you to deny the rate increase to lock consumers into buying power from Ohio's oldest, dirtiest coal plants. My family and I care about reducing pollution and saving money on our electric bills. A bailout of old, polluting technology only benefits utility shareholders and delays the inevitable investment in efficiency and renewable energy.

We pay our bills to East Ohio Gas and the Illuminating Co. we are interested in clean safe energy produced efficiently, without endangering the environment or other people.

We are referring to FirstEnergy 14-1297-EL-SSO. Please vote no.

Marsha Jones

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2503 Queenston

Cleveland Hts. Ohio 44118

TO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO,

MY FAMILY AND I CARE ABOUT  
REDUCING TOXIC POLLUTION AND  
SAVING MONEY ON OUR ELECTRIC  
BILLS.

PLEASE DENY THE RATE INCREASE  
TO LOCK CONSUMERS INTO BUYING  
POWER FROM OHIO'S OLDEST, DIRTIEST  
COAL PLANTS.

CASE # 14-1297-EL-SSO FIRST ENERGY

SINCERELY,



JEAN SMELSER

115 FAY AVE

AVON LAKE OH 44012

March 18, 15

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

Case#: 14-1297-EL-SSO

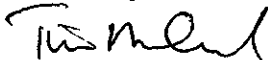
To Whom It May Concern:

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Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Mlnarik", written in a cursive style.

Tim Mlnarik

863 Bryce Road  
Kent, OH 44240  
March 20, 2015

Public Utilities Commission  
180 Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Sirs:

I find it incredible that First Energy Corp. is trying to make customers pay for the outdated, polluting coal power plants, especially by asking for a rate increase. They should be challenged to make green solutions, by making investments in renewable, sustainable energy, not to sustain old and dangerous methods of energy production.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas J. Froehlich". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Thomas J. Froehlich

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

From:  
Roger Lampe  
2975 Scarborough Road  
Cleveland Heights, OH 44118

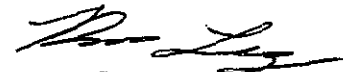
Date: 3/17/15

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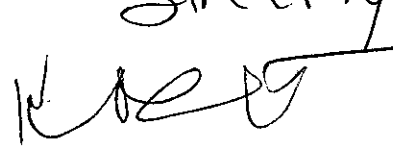
Roger Lampe

P.V.C.O.

I am writing as an Ohio citizen who is concerned about politicians not conducting business for the good of the people who elected them, but for a political party.

You should be influenced by toxic pollution and the air our children breath. Not by politicians looking to control government.

Please do what's right.

Sincerely  


Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

March 25, 2015

180 East Broad Street Street

Columbus, Ohio 43215

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Bob Jones

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2503 Queenston

Cleveland Hts. Ohio 44118



3-31-15

Dear Public Utilities Commission  
of Ohio,

Please deny the rate increase  
to lock consumers into buying  
power from Ohio's oldest, dirtiest  
coal plants. My family and I care  
about reducing toxic pollution.  
My kids deserve better than this!

Cara Bokovity

Case # 14-1297-EL-SSO

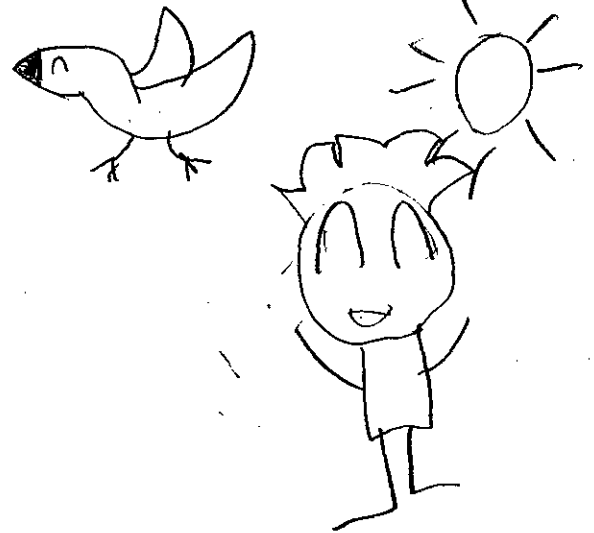
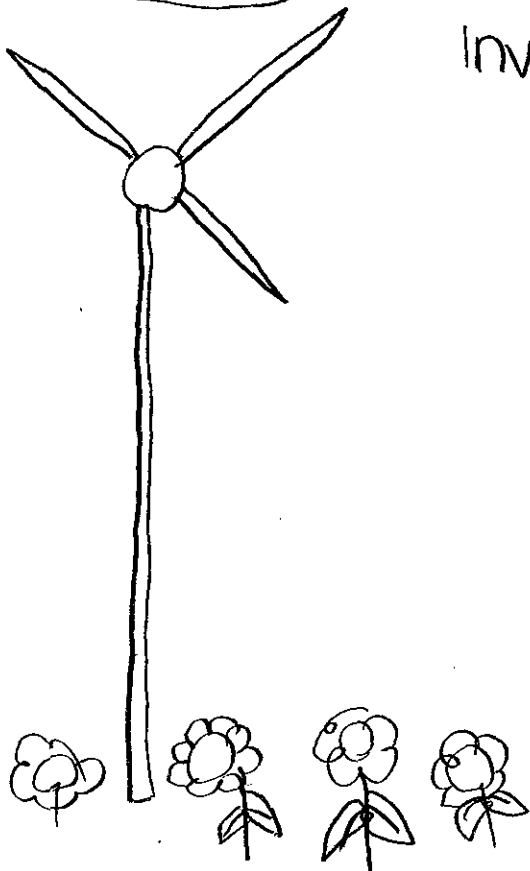


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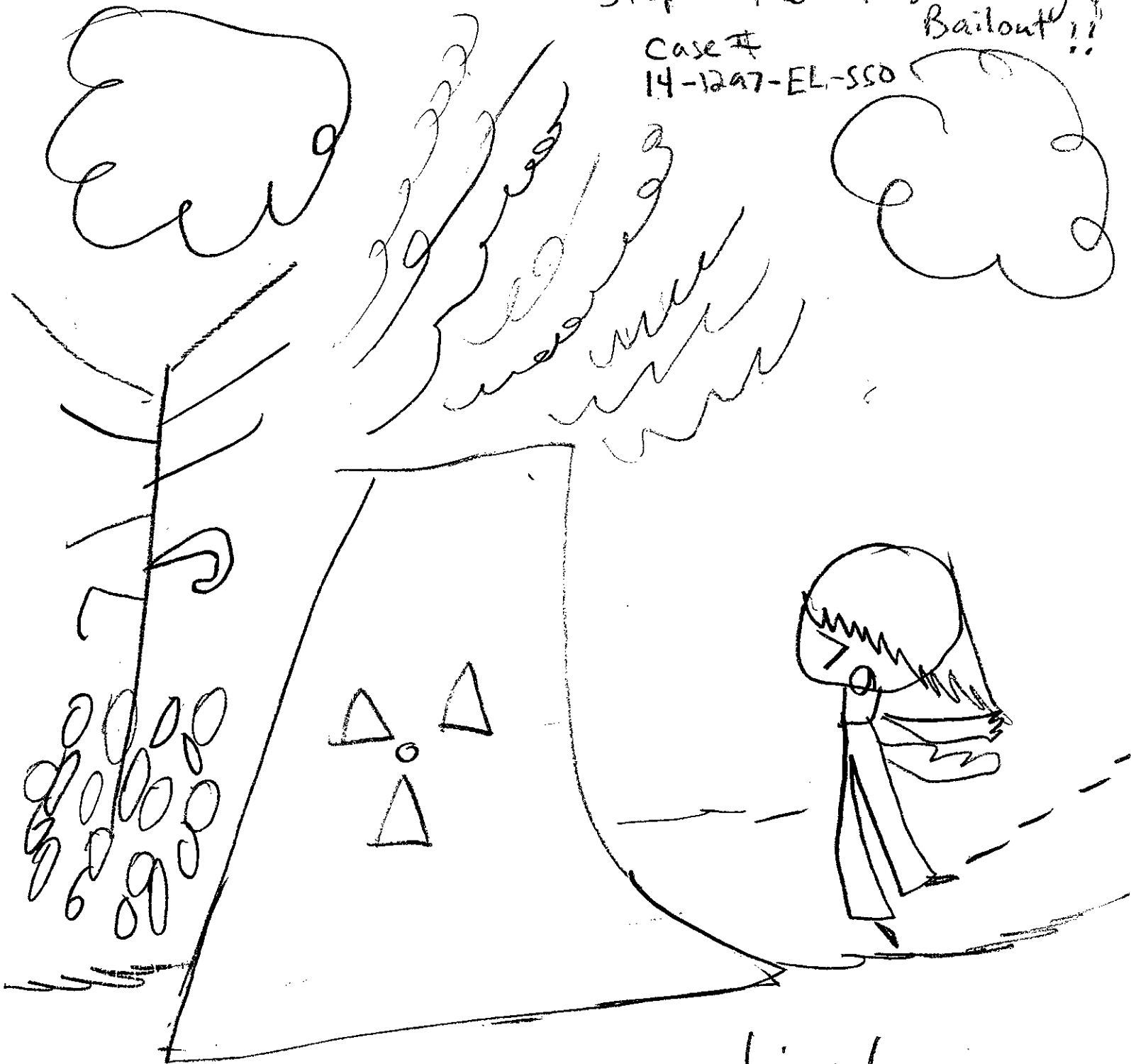
Stop the first energy bailout!

Invest in renewable energy!



Stop the First Energy  
Bailout!!

Case #  
14-1297-EL-SSO



No to dirty  
power plants!  
By Scarlett Cutshaw

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

03/30/15

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Sincerely,

Jessica Williams ●  
2356 Grandview Ave  
Cleveland Heights, OH 44106  
440-715-3234



Ms. Jean Summer  
410 Beacon Ct  
Avon Lake, OH 44012

CASE # 14-1297-EL-SSO

Feb. 19, 2015

Dear Puc Representative:

Please deny the First Energy rate increase to lock consumers into buying power from Ohio's oldest, dirtiest coal plants.

A bailout of old, polluting technology only benefits utility shareholders and delays inevitable investment in efficiency and renewable energy.

Sincerely,  
Jean A. Summer

3-24-2015

Dear Governor Kasich,

My family and I are very concerned about the "TOXIC POLLUTION" and saving money on our electric bills! from our "First Energy Electric Plant 14-1297-EL-SSO.

Please, please, deny this increase to lock consumers into buying power from Ohio's oldest, dirtiest coal plants!

A bailout once again only, benefits utility shareholders + delays inevitable investment in efficiency and renewable energy.

Thanks for your action on this very important issue.

Sincerely  
Gert Bauer

March 24, 2015

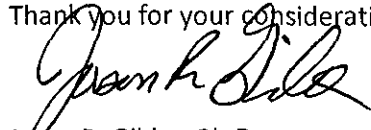
2943 Washington Blvd.  
Cleveland Heights, OH 44118

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

To whom it may concern:

I care greatly about reducing toxic pollution. Please oppose the FirstEnergy bailout. Please deny the rate increase to lock consumers into buying power from Ohio's outdated coal plants. Please consider focusing your attention on alternative energy solutions that are sustainable and do not harm the environment. Renewable energy projects are boom to the economy and add jobs to Ohio. The public wants to get on board with 21<sup>st</sup> energy solutions. They just need help from our state to get there. Given the choice, they are willing to make the investment needed to get the infrastructure in place to ensure that our children have a clean environment with lower energy costs.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Jason R. Gilder, Ph.D.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to inform you that as consumers and as citizens of Ohio, we are not going to stand for the state's bailout of the of the state's outdated coal plants. First coal plants are very hazardous to human health – dangerous for coal miners and workers and for the people in the surrounding areas and people living distances away. This last fall I took a class called Environmental Earth Science and learned all about the dangers, wastes, and environmental hazards that coal plants pose to humans and to the world. They produce acid mine drainage that can take thousands of years to remediate, while toxins soak into the soil and contaminate waterways and release other toxins that will indefinitely kill an ecosystem and limit freshwater availability. I and most other living thing on this planet happen to need fresh CLEAN water to live a happy fruitful life. And no, water treatment plants cannot always remove the toxins that are put into the water systems from anthropogenic sources. Also coal plants release tons of carbon-dioxide and sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, particulate matter, mercury, lead, hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, and arsenic. On average ONE coal plant produces 3.5 million tons of carbon dioxide a year. Luckily some coal plants have scrubbers, however, those do not completely remove these gasses, and the coal plants in question in Ohio are outdated – most likely they do not have efficient scrubbers. So although coal is one of the nonrenewable resources that we still have at least 500 years left of, it is a very damaging resource. It produces greenhouse gasses that will continue and enhance global warming, gasses that are major ingredients to ground level smog – which is very bad, take LA for example where people cannot breathe at certain times of the day, particles that lead to asthma and other breathing problems, and toxins like mercury and lead and carbon monoxide. In the U.S. alone, 24,000 people die to coal related deaths – either mining disasters, water pollution, or air pollution. Like freshwater, I and nearly every other living being on the Earth need clean air to survive. And clean air is a human right. I cannot support something that will take away that right. Coal mining wrecks the environment with mountain top mining and other mining methods. And there is a town in Pennsylvania that is literally on fire from the coal mines, and we cannot do anything about it. Bailing out the coal plants will simply raise our electric bills, which some people can barely afford as it is. It is not right – think about your citizens instead of just profit. So I am sorry, but I cannot support this action to bailout Ohio's coal plants. It would be immoral, inefficient, expensive, non-environmentally friendly, and hazardous to my health.

Sincerely,

Your Citizen



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I am writing to inform you that as consumers and as citizens of Ohio, we are not going to stand for the state's bailout of the of the state's outdated coal plants. First coal plants are very hazardous to human health – dangerous for coal miners and workers and for the people in the surrounding areas and people living distances away. This last fall I took a class called Environmental Earth Science and learned all about the dangers, wastes, and environmental hazards that coal plants pose to humans and to the world. They produce acid mine drainage that can take thousands of years to remediate, while toxins soak into the soil and contaminate waterways and release other toxins that will indefinitely kill an ecosystem and limit freshwater availability. I and most other living thing on this planet happen to need fresh CLEAN water to live a happy fruitful life. And no, water treatment plants cannot always remove the toxins that are put into the water systems from anthropogenic sources. Also coal plants release tons of carbon-dioxide and sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, particulate matter, mercury, lead, hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, and arsenic. On average ONE coal plant produces 3.5 million tons of carbon dioxide a year. Luckily some coal plants have scrubbers, however, those do not completely remove these gasses, and the coal plants in question in Ohio are outdated – most likely they do not have efficient scrubbers. So although coal is one of the nonrenewable resources that we still have at least 500 years left of, it is a very damaging resource. It produces greenhouse gasses that will continue and enhance global warming, gasses that are major ingredients to ground level smog – which is very bad, take LA for example where people cannot breathe at certain times of the day, particles that lead to asthma and other breathing problems, and toxins like mercury and lead and carbon monoxide. In the U.S. alone, 24,000 people die to coal related deaths – either mining disasters, water pollution, or air pollution. Like freshwater, I and nearly every other living being on the Earth need clean air to survive. And clean air is a human right. I cannot support something that will take away that right. Coal mining wrecks the environment with mountain top mining and other mining methods. And there is a town in Pennsylvania that is literally on fire from the coal mines, and we cannot do anything about it. Bailing out the coal plants will simply raise our electric bills, which some people can barely afford as it is. It is not right – think about your citizens instead of just profit. So I am sorry, but I cannot support this action to bailout Ohio's coal plants. It would be immoral, inefficient, expensive, non-environmentally friendly, and hazardous to my health.

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MARCH 23, 2015

PUCO Board

Please not I am against the rate increase lock for the First Energy compendium. It is my opinion it is now time to invest in renewable energy for the future of my grandchildren and beyond. In my travels I have seen many examples of alternatives to dirty coal plants and feel it is time for the state of Ohio to begin to change for the health of our race and our planet.

Thank you for your time

  
Kim Cregan

Avon Lake Ohio

To whom it may concern,

Portage County, which is home to Kent State University, was mostly a farming community 25 years ago, and it has benefited from the growth of ancillary industries that come with fracking. Local realtors were "observing the difficulty of people wanting to buy property, and those looking to sell being worried about their property values," as residents' concerns about groundwater contamination and earthquakes have grown.

There are good reasons to worry. The dozen earthquakes that rattled Youngstown at the end of 2011 were thought at the time to have been caused by fracking. A new study connecting underground injection to earthquakes seems to confirm those suspicions, and there is growing evidence that the practice is linked to methane leaking into water supplies. There are problems with the wells used to store the used fracking brine, too. The wells that this waste is pumped into—called Class II disposal wells—are subject to softer regulations than other disposal wells (there are six classes in all). The EPA estimates that the chance of a given injection well failing is around 1 in a million. But 680,000 injection wells—some 170,000 of them Class II—dot the country, containing about 30 trillion gallons of toxic liquid.

Let's stop this before it is too late. Please support clean energy.

Sincerely,

A concerned citizen

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "J. J. [unclear]", written over a horizontal line.