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Dear PUCO,

Please deny the rate increase to lock consumers into buying power from Ohio's oldest and dirtiest coal plants. The fact that we are bailing out companies that use plants that are 50+ years old is beyond ridiculous. The fact that Duke, AEP, and First Energy are claiming poverty and lack the money to invest in renewable energy is countered instantly by their stock reports.

Every time you as group OK a rate increase or change standards, these utilities are allowed to continue polluting and simply delay the inevitable switch to renewable energy. The US lags behind most civilized nations in renewable energy. Ohio lags behind most of the US. This is embarrassing.

I have seen the effects of Ohio's coal industry first hand. This is not something that we as a state should be proud of.

We should be proud of all the renewable energy advancements that have occurred in Ohio. We should be proud of the jobs that these technologies have created in Ohio. Safe good paying jobs that boost our economy, help the environment, and reduce our dependence on technology that was old in my grandfather's time—in other words our future.

It's time to start thinking forward and stop living in the past.

Sincerely,

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