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From: Ohio Environmental CouncilOn Behalf OfLaura Orebaugh

Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2015 12:25:22 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

To: Porter, Andre

Subject: Reject FirstEnergy's proposal to keep old coal plants running

Sep 10, 2015

Chairman Andre Porter

Dear Chairman Porter,

I urge you to reject First Energy's proposal to keep several old, dirty and uncompetitive power plants open. Their plan will not only burden customers with increased electric bills, but the plan is anticompetitive and will harm human health. Ratepayers should not have to pay for these old power plants just because these plants cannot compete with newer technologies like wind or solar power.

These coal power plants are pumping out thousands of tons of soot, carbon and mercury pollution every day, harming me and many other Ohioans in the process. Newer technologies like wind and solar do not cause the kind of damage these old power plants will. We need to move on! to wind and solar technology!

Please do not approve FirstEnergy's plan to bail out First Energy's old, dirty power plants. Supporting FirstEnergy's plan will hurt Ohio in its path to build an energy future powered by clean energy.

Sincerely,

Ms. Laura Orebaugh 124 W South St Hillsboro, OH 45133-1441 psychicmtnmama@yahoo.com

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From: HaSheen Wilson

To: PUCO ContactThePUCO Subject: Don't Increase Rate Received: 9/10/2015 8:37:24 AM

Message:

Dear Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Andre Porter,

FirstEnergy is asking the government to enforce a monopoly. Even though customers may want to choose a different supplier, those served by FirstEnergy power lines would still have to pay the surcharge – even though this surcharge is for subsidizing unprofitable plants, not for grid maintenance. • FirstEnergy is saying this plan will save customers money in the long run – but if that's true, why don't they want to take the risk and realize those cost savings for themselves? They're asking PUCO to force customers to take a risk they're not willing to take themselves.

Sincerely,

HaSheen Wilson

From: Judy Moyers

To: PUCO ContactThePUCO

Subject: First Energy

Received: 9/10/2015 1:11:29 PM

Message:

Dear Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Andre Porter,

Please observe that this is testimony to go on the docket of Case No: 14-1297-EL-SSO. Roughly one in three Ohio households, 1.4 million in all, are considered cost burdened by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development standards, paying more than 30 percent of their annual income on housing and utilities combined. Ohio families can't afford a monopoly power plant bailout.

Sincerely,

Judy Moyers

From: Ohio Environmental CouncilOn Behalf OfJames Miller

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Sincerely,

Mr. James Miller 901 Rathburn Rd Wooster, OH 44691-9248 jbmilleresq@yahoo.com

## **Hunter, Donielle**

From:

Judy Moyers <jam122459@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, September 10, 2015 1:11 PM

To:

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Subject:

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Sincerely,

**Judy Moyers** 

## Hunter, Donielle

Thomas Licht <tlicht@neo.rr.com> From: Thursday, September 10, 2015 1:05 PM Sent:

To: **Puco Docketing** 

Case No: 14-1297-EL-SSO Subject:

Dear Chair Public Utilities Commission Ohio Andre Porter,

FirstEnergy is seeking to continue a business model that is unprofitable by forcing consumers to pay higher rates. Rather than shut the plants down, the company is asking Ohio regulators to force customers to buy power from these outdated plants for the next 15 years. If they want to be a monopoly, they should be regulated as one.

Sincerely,

Thomas Licht

## Hunter, Donielle

From: Teresa McLove <tmclove@bgsu.edu>
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2015 11:55 AM

**To:** Puco Docketing

**Subject:** testimony to go on the docket of Case No: 14-1297-EL-SSO

Dear Chair Public Utilities Commission Ohio Andre Porter,

As a consumer of electricity from First Energy I find it punitive to be required to support their efforts to buy energy from their own power plants instead of on the open market which is something First Energy itself petitioned for. FirstEnergy's proposal is anticompetitive. FirstEnergy is asking the government to enforce a monopoly. Even though customers may want to choose a different supplier, those served by FirstEnergy power lines would still have to pay the surcharge – even though this surcharge is for subsidizing unprofitable plants, not for grid maintenance.

Electricity generating companies have enjoyed a long history of monopoly practices in this part of Ohio and as such have also enjoyed a long history of business decisions that do not favor the consumer. It's long past time for First Energy to make decisions without the consumer providing the bailout.

It's time for energy producers to revise their business models to more closely match the changing energy needs of the consumer. As a long time Toledo Edison and now First Energy consumer we already have some of the highest energy rates in the nation and promoting this monopoly will only add to the problem.

Sincerely,

Teresa McLove

From: Joseph Morrow

To: PUCO ContactThePUCO Subject: Case No: 14-1297-EL-SSO

Received: 9/9/2015 6:26:12 PM

Message:

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If this bailout goes through, consumers will be on the hook for FirstEnergy's bad business decisions – at a projected cost of over \$3 billion over fifteen years.

Enough is enough. No more bailouts for poor business decisions.

Sincerely, Joseph Morrow Middlefield, ohio

Sincerely,

Joseph Morrow

From: Diana Vitus

To: PUCO ContactThePUCO Subject: Case No: 14-1297-EL-SSO Received: 9/9/2015 6:21:40 PM

Message:

Dear Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Andre Porter,

The present & future of the WORLD is CLEAN, RENEWABLE ENERGIES. Stop making OHIO lag behind the unavoidable. LIVE WITH THE PRESENT & FUTURE. THE PAST IS GONE!

Diana Vitus

Sincerely,

Diana Vitus

From: Wesley Scott

To: PUCO ContactThePUCO

Subject: Comments on 14-1297-EL-SSO

Received: 9/9/2015 4:05:36 PM

Message:

Dear Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Andre Porter,

I wish to lodge comments on the pending case (14-1297-EL-SSO) regarding FirstEnergy's request to saddle its rate payers with additional and exceptional costs for its two, aging power plants (Bessie and Stamis). I am in opposition to this attempt.

I have to question why a firm, as revealed in the past three weeks in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, would say that the 2008 energy efficiency mandate means substantial energy cost savings and then also work to undermine this mandate in a bill passed in the past year to effectively place a moratorium upon the very efficiency program they previously offered so much cause, in the form of savings, to support.

Now (Cleveland Plain Dealer - 9 Sept 2015) the PD reveals that even the figures used to estimate future energy costs upon which to compare the excess cost of their rate plan against are way off. Such comparisons no longer hold water to justify granting this rate case's approval (if they ever did)!

Finally, as an Illuminating Co. customer who sees the great promise that even natural gas electric generation holds (let alone even greater savings as future energy sources come on-line) can not understand the logic in supporting the poor choices and insincere dealings that FirstEnergy is attempting to perpetrate upon the rate payers of Ohio.

I urge you to disallow this rate case.

Sincerely,

Wesley Scott