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PUCO Commissioners

Dear Commissioners,

I agree with the Cleveland Plain Dealer's editorial on July 18 "PUCO should reject FirstEnergy rate request" and do not support FirstEnergy's attempt to bail out its old plants on the backs of consumers. These plants are not competitive with today's market prices for electricity, and they spew toxic pollution into our air and water.

As the Plain Dealer stated, FirstEnergy's plan sounds more like "Protecting FirstEnergy Management" than anything that would be in the public interest.

Furthermore, coal, which generates nearly 70 percent of electricity in Ohio, is known to cause major air pollution and negatively impact public health while contributing to climate disruption. Due to Ohio's heavy reliance on coal, we have some of the worst air in the nation.

FirstEnergy's request to bail out plants that are no longer economically feasible is bad public policy that, in addition to costing Ohio electric customers more, will prevent Ohio from reducing dangerous emissions of carbon, soot, smog and mercury pollution.

I reject FirstEnergy's request to bailout their plants and I hope you will as well.

Sincerely,

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