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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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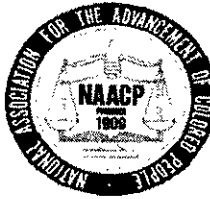
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September 21, 2015

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
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Attention: Andre T. Porter,
Chairman

Re: FirstEnergy of Ohio, ESP IV
Docket No. ESP4 14-1297-EL-SSO

Dear Chairman Porter:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Cleveland Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). As you may know, the NAACP is a national civil rights organization committed to addressing issues affecting people of color. Similarly, the Cleveland Branch of the NAACP is committed to addressing issues affecting people in the Greater Cleveland area. The NAACP has always been concerned with economic issues that affect our constituents and believe that the ability of the residents of Ohio to provide for their families has a direct impact on an elevated standard of living to which all Americans are entitled and have the right to enjoy. With these consideration in mind, the NAACP has reviewed FirstEnergy's Electric Security Plan (ESP IV) filed with the Public Utilities Company of Ohio on August 4, 2014 and wish to provide these observations.

In reviewing ESP IV the NAACP was mindful of the fact that various environmental groups have expressed concern with the impact that the plan will have on the environment since there will be at least some continued reliance on coal as an energy source. The NAACP is also aware of the fact that certain safety-conscious groups have expressed concerns with the continued reliance on nuclear energy as a source of electrical power. However, after carefully studying FirstEnergy's Plan, considering all of the safety and environmental concerns and interviewing various NAACP constituents and other affected parties we have come to the conclusion that if ESP IV is approved by the PUCO, it would be in our community's best interest.

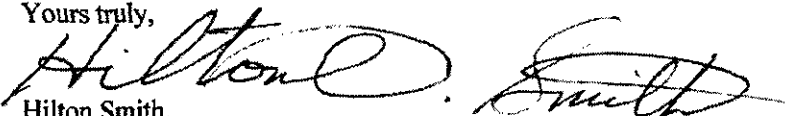
This recommendation that the PUCO approve ESP IV is based on the following:

- (1) Significant savings will be realized for Ohio customers through a unique contract with power plants that serve Ohio consumers.
- (2) Seven Million Dollars is included in the plan to assist low-income customers in paying their electric bill and fund the establishment of an independent Customer Advisory Agency designed to help customers shop for the best deal for their electric supply.
- (3) Provisions exist for extending the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) and participation in the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) which will make electric utilities more affordable for low-income consumers
- (4) Funding is provided for groups representing residential and low-income customers including the Cleveland Housing Network, Consumer Protection Association, Council for Economic Opportunities in Greater Cleveland and the Citizens Coalition.
- (5) Up to 21 million in economic development funding and energy efficiency assistance exists to help create new jobs and support communities in Northeast Ohio.
- (6) Significant economic benefits will be realized including millions in local and state property and payroll taxes and an estimated 3,000 direct and indirect jobs created by the continued operations at the Davis-Besse, W.H. Sammis and Ohio Valley Corporation (OVEC) power plants in Ohio.

FirstEnergy's applications specifically provides that the plan will produce competitive priced electricity, allow customers to shop freely for electrical services and provide a safety net against retail volatility and market price increases by enhancing reliability, protecting and creating jobs and promoting the state's economic growth.

Therefore, based on all of the foregoing and the totality of the provisions contained in the FirstEnergy plan, including the economic impact of the proposed plan, the Cleveland Branch of the NAACP would strongly recommend that the PUCO favorably consider the plan and, at the appropriate time, grant approval.

Yours truly,


Hilton Smith,
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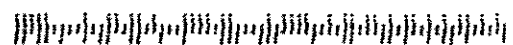
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PUCO Chairman Andre Porter
Dear Chairman Porter,

I'm writing today to ask you to say no to FirstEnergy's request for the PUCO to authorize substantial, customer-funded subsidies to bail out its uneconomic power plants.

America's electricity landscape is shifting from dirty energy to cleaner alternatives and improved efficiency. Some utilities are embracing the change. But Ohio-based FirstEnergy is requesting that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) authorize substantial, customer-funded subsidies to bail out its burdensome coal fleet. The proposed bailout would require Ohioans to buy a substantial portion of FirstEnergy's dirty and uneconomic coal-powered electricity. It would even force people who choose to buy clean energy to pay twice for power.

Please reject FirstEnergy's proposal and ensure full corporate separation, so that a utility can no longer cross-subsidize or favor its affiliate companies in order to block competition. Doing so would send a clear message to clean energy businesses, entrepreneurs, investors, and residents that Ohio is ready for a new era—one in which utility profits are not placed ahead of Ohioans' best interest and electricity is clean, reliable, and affordable.

Please reject FirstEnergy's request. It's what's right for Ohio's clean energy future.

Thank you,

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