35 Burton Woods Lane Cincinnati, Ohio 45229 October 1, 2015

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 E. Broad St. Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Case No. 14-1297-EL-SSO

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to express my disapproval of FirstEnergy's request to PUCO to have its rates increased so that it can continue to operate outdated, polluting power plants.

Utilities serving Ohio should be investing in more efficient, preferably renewable, energy sources, not expecting customers to pay more just to maintain old technology.

Ohio needs to be innovative in its energy policies if it is going to attract businesses and serve its citizens. FirstEnergy's request is not taking us in that direction (just as was the case with similar requests from Duke Energy and AEP).

Please deny the FirstEnergy request.

Respectfully,

By 105/

Benjamin L. Blaney

Cc: Governor John Kasich

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