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Dear NOPEC Community,

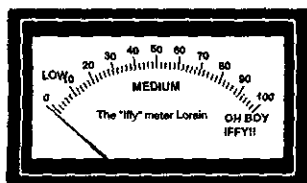
We understand that officials from First Energy Corp. ("FE") have been contacting elected officials in Northeast Ohio communities, including NOPEC member communities, to request official endorsements by local city, village, township and county governments of FE's application before the PUCO in PUCO Case No. 14-1297-EL-SSO, filed in August 2014 ("FE Application"). NOPEC has invested a very significant amount of time and energy studying the FE application. After careful review of the FE Application, NOPEC concluded that it simply is not in the best interest of NOPEC members and NOPEC's roughly 500,000 electricity customers in northern Ohio. NOPEC is opposing the FE Application in hearings currently being held at the PUCO in Columbus. Many other interveners are also opposing the FE Application, including customers, consumer representatives, other governmental aggregators, marketers, environmental groups and others.

This letter came after the meeting and therefore was not part of the "resolution meeting, it is my belief had this letter been read the outcome of the resolution of support would have changed

As a member of the community of Lorain, I feel the PUCO should be aware of the resolution situation as it evolved in Lorain and therefore weight of such a resolution should be negated.. I would like to state I am not in support of First Energy's economic stability plan, although I have supported First Energy in other – such as the removal of the transmission line Towers from our lake front and the New Republic Arc Furnace. I would therefore ask you to bear in mind the information covered in this letter when looking at the "resolution of support" from the City of Lorain

<https://thatwoman.wordpress.com/>

First Energy and the 15,000 dollar Donation Blog Post Sept 11 2015



Last month, Mr. Joe Koziura Council at Large and Mr. Frank DiTillio also Council at Large were thanked publically and in emails for **their support of a local event by receiving a \$15,000 dollar donation from First Energy**

We have a \$15K presenting sponsor – First Energy. Joe Koziura and Frank DeTillio started working the circuit to round up sponsorships for the festival last week and landed us this. If you see them around town, thank them as well! They will keep knocking on the doors of their network — glad to have them on the team!

No problem there except there is a resolution going before council Tuesday night (the 8th of September) resolving the support of First Energy for their stand before the Public Utilities Commission

“Stated Scott Gerfen, Ohio Consumers Counsel spokesperson:

“1.9 million consumers paid billions of dollars to FirstEnergy for its transition to deregulated power plants, under a 1999 Ohio law. Fifteen years later, FirstEnergy is again asking consumers to pay charges related to the power plants. FirstEnergy’s requests include asking the government (the PUCO) to guarantee profits for what are deregulated power plants whose profits should

instead be determined by the electricity market. Needless to say, we are concerned for consumers..."

Now there are pros and con arguments for this Power initiative- and they can be found in the links in this post (2nd subject) <https://thatwoman.wordpress.com/2015/08/11/selling-of-lorain-an-energy-decision-red-flags-flying/>

Ironically this resolution passed word for word by our Law Director Pat Riley –

http://destinyhosted.com/loraidocs/2015/CCREG/20150908_28/AGENDApacket_09-08-15_726_28.pdf

is word for word from the resolution sent by First Energy to Council at Large. (Mr. Given declined to propose the resolution) and it was hanging around in the offices for months since April 22nd and with no takers!(see handwritten note on the First Energy Page) **WHY NOW?????**

4-22-15
Sent to Council at Large - response 1/8

FirstEnergy Ohio Utilities' Proposed Electric Security Plan
Powering Ohio's Progress
Resolution Language

WHEREAS, FirstEnergy Ohio utilities' proposed Electric Security Plan, *Powering Ohio's Progress*, will help keep electricity affordable and reliable; and

WHEREAS, key provisions of *Powering Ohio's Progress* help safeguard residents from electricity price volatility and increases in the future; and

WHEREAS, *Powering Ohio's Progress* provides strong support to economic development efforts that can help create jobs and attract new business growth; and

WHEREAS, *Powering Ohio's Progress* supports the state's economic future by helping ensure that vital baseload power plants in Ohio remain available to serve electric customers; and

WHEREAS, *Powering Ohio's Progress* retains local jobs, protects local tax revenues and helps support manufacturing and other industries.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, the PFCPLA of [community name], are pleased to endorse FirstEnergy Ohio utilities' proposed Electric Security Plan, *Powering Ohio's Progress*, which will help support the economy and quality of life in the years ahead.

Usually resolutions are just passed as a support, such as the other one on the agenda re the Salvation Army, BUT this one can affect the citizens and our wallets – **I hope those voting will have done their homework as to just what this resolution means** – and heaven forbid it isn't tied to the \$15,000 donation – **No! surely not that would be a cheap trade off** The IFFY meter results

Yours sincerely

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