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October 14, 2015

Re: case #14-1297-EL-SSO FirstEnergy

Dear Members of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

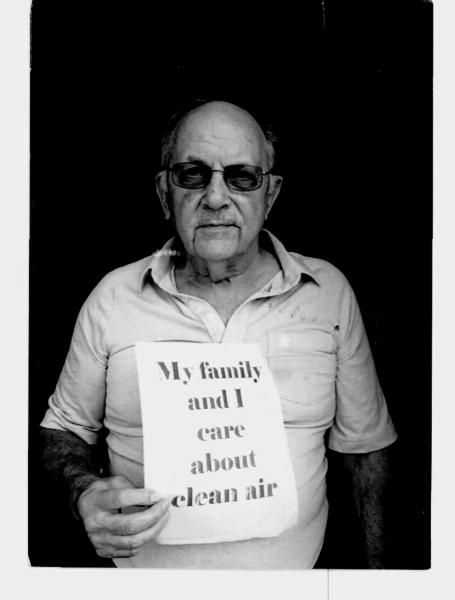
Please deny FirstEnergy's request to raise consumer rates in a scheme to shift the costs of operating their outdated, polluting and inefficient coal plants onto the consumers of Ohio. A bailout such as this would only benefit FirstEnergy shareholders and delay urgently needed investment in developing clean, efficient, renewable energy technology.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely.

Gail L. Williamson

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Please deny the rate increase to lock consumers into buying power from Ohio's oldest, dirtiest coal plants.

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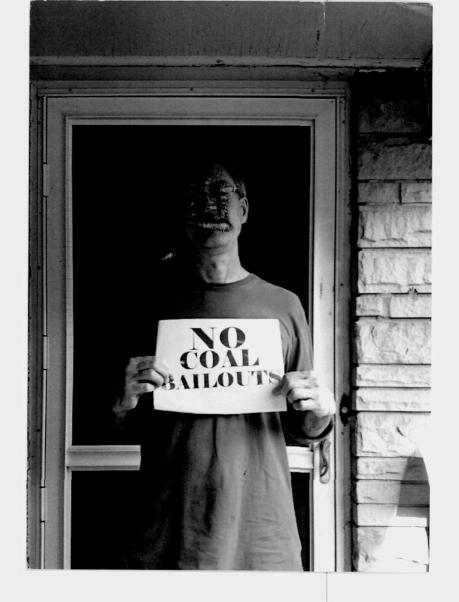
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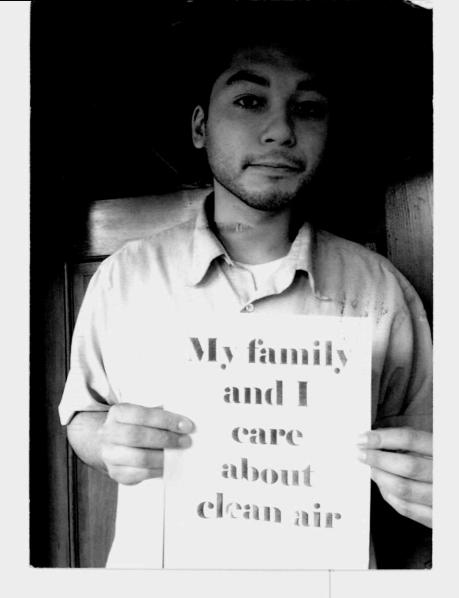
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decline. Please deny the rate increase that would lock consumers into buying power from Ohio's dirtiest coal plants.

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Fairview Park, OH 44126 21285 S. Park Drive Tina & John Fillinger

To whom it may concern:
My family and of care very much about maintaining a healthy environment and using sustain able energy. Please deny trate increases as we do not want to help pay for something Errcheice and naruful. Ref: Casets 14-1297
Sincerely. Glinabeth Laffay

Concerning case number 14-1297-EL-SSO

I just heard about the FirstEnergy bailout plan, and I don't understand the plans to charge customers more with a Purchase Power Agreement in order to support the power companies we already pay for power. It's to give these power companies guaranteed income; aren't they already generating income, as long as they are generating power? I might be more likely to agree if the money raised will be used to upgrade the plants to be more environmentally friendly, or in order to improve them so that power will cost consumers less in the future.

The Ohio legislature passed a two year "freeze" on Ohio's renewable energy standards, which have saved customers \$1.03 billion in just the first five years. Yet the coal plants are going to charge customers in order to keep producing coal energy. But how much will FirstEnergy's new surcharge cost its customers in the next five years? It appears that old coal power plants are valued or thought more worth the money, than research into sustainable alternatives. I want to show my support and desire to have my money put into the development and implementation of renewable and environmentally sustainable energy sources.

Alternately, can we take the same money that would be brought in by the new surcharge in order to replace the old coal plants with clean energy alternatives? We could use the money to develop and put into use clean energy options, which despite initial cost would in the long run hopefully be more cost effective and environmentally friendly. I remember when I was in high school, learning about the bright future of solar, wind and other environmentally friendly energy sources, how these were the future and would be so much better for us. But just like electric and hybrid cars, talk of those energy alternatives slowly faded away under the power and influence of big oil and coal companies.

"In the 2013 case, FirstEnergy needed to buy renewable energy credits (RECs) because Ohio law required utilities to get a certain portion of their energy supply in the form of renewable energy...FirstEnergy did not use competitive bidding to get its RECs - instead, it bought them directly from its sister company. The PUCO investigated the deal and concluded that FirstEnergy overpaid for these RECs by \$43 million..."

— John Finnigan, senior regulatory attorney, Environmental Defense Fund

Ideally, power companies should be earning renewable energy credits, rather than having to buy them from RECEIVED-DOCKETING DIV other companies.

Thank you for your time and consideration. A concerned citizen,

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Jennifer Clark

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Re: First Energy 14-1297-EL-SSO

To whom it may concern:

I am writing because I am very concerned about our environment and the position the State of Ohio is taking in improving it. I understand that we have historically depended on coal to produce power, but we must look to sustainable technologies if we are going to stay competitive and keep Ohio beautiful. It is irresponsible to provide bailouts to organizations that refuse to support renewable energy. First Energy should not receive a bailout. Their own business practices caused their failure and it is not the State of Ohio's responsibility to throw their failing company a lifeline. A bailout of old, polluting technology only benefits utility shareholders and delays inevitable investment in efficiency and renewable energy.

Sincerely,

Jason R. Gilder, Ph.D.