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Dear PUCO,

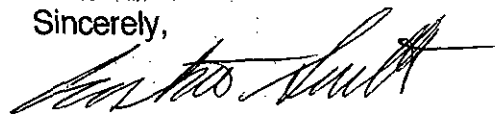
I have been following news articles on the continued attempt by FirstEnergy to keep open two old and inefficient power plants (Davis-Besse and W.H. Sammis) despite repeated objections and rejections by a variety of consumer groups, environmental groups, and even the state legislature and Governor Kasich. Most recently we have read that FirstEnergy and PUCO are still planning to craft an arrangement that would maintain the plants and charge consumers for the increased costs in operation. First Energy apparently admits that the plants are so inefficient that they cannot compare with gas-fired plants and that First Energy will have to close them unless consumers pay the cost.

Why in the world would I, as a consumer, want to support this? What possible benefit is in it for me and for the rest of Ohio (other than FirstEnergy stockholders)? Today's issue of the Cleveland Plain Dealer includes a statement from First Energy's spokesman Todd Schneider claiming that the new plan "offers numerous benefits to our customers and communities." Increased cost and pollution of the air (in the case of W.H. Sammis) are clearly not benefits, so just what does Mr. Schneider have in mind with this statement? I have made a fair effort to find information on this point at the FirstEnergy web site, but was unable to do so.

If the increased costs would pay for modernization of the plants, I might be more supportive. But I doubt this, since there have been many years of warnings that they must be taken down eventually or fitted with scrubbers and other modifications to make the energy cleaner. Since FirstEnergy has continued to drag their feet and hoped to postpone the day of reckoning it is hard to believe that they have any sincere interest in doing so.

I am writing this letter purely at my own initiative; I have not been asked to do so by any organization or group.

Sincerely,



cc: Georgine Welb, Vice-Chair NOPEC

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