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Memorandum

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Re: Thomas Deneen

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COMMENT DESCRIPTION:

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This is a comment against the proposed FirstEnergy Rate Plan that is currently up for consideration. This proposed rate plan is, by its very nature a tax that targets Net Metering users such as our family. Back in 2007 my family made a significant investment into a Solar Electric System for our residence. Part of our calculations that were a part of our decision was the savings that we would average on an annual basis that would offset the cost of the Solar Electric system. Our family views any changes to the delivery rates that make the delivery rates fixed as something that would increase our electric bill, especially during the prime solar months just before and after peak summer temperatures, where our system makes a significant amount of our household needs with a small cooling load during those months. Some of these months in past years we have been near net zero usage, or in some cases we have been a net producer. This would lead to little to no delivery charge on our bill. Some months we have been a net producer and we have had a bill of less than the \$4.00 per month customer charge that FE is allowed to collect. In these cases our bill will definitely be much higher than <\$4. This rate plan is in the end a penalty for renewable energy users and would be a slap in the face of those Ohioans who have made significant investments in such systems. This rate plan is anti-environmentalism and harms the economic model for renewable energy systems and harms the payback for any systems currently put in place by both individual consumers and by businesses. This rate plan would therefore be seen as

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additional costs for individuals living in Ohio and an additional cost of doing business in the State of Ohio. This would likely drive residents to continue to migrate away from the state, and also cause businesses to leave and other businesses to not consider the State of Ohio for expansion or relocation of their businesses. This would continue to erode the State and Local Tax bases as businesses and individuals like myself (mid career Engineer) who pay significant taxes to the state look to relocate. I strongly recommend that this rate plan, which solely benefits FirstEnergy Corporation be rejected. When the Electric Utilities were deregulated at the behest of the Publicly-owned utilities, they made the decision to compete in the marketplace. Now that this marketplace has not become what they desire, they want to come back to the residents of this great state, hat in hand, asking us to subsidize their businesses. If this system would have benefited FE and other utilities, would they have come back and give their customers a rebate...hardly. I implore the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to make FE sink or swim in the marketplace they so clamored to compete in and for the Commission to support Renewable Energy and continue to support both Net Metering and usage-based billing.