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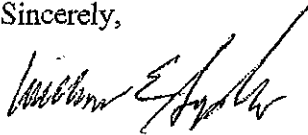
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Subject: Cases 14-1693-EL-RDR (AEP); 14-1297-EL-SSO (First Energy)

To The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio,

Attached is an email pertaining to Cases 14-1693-EL-RDR (AEP); 14-1297-EL-SSO, sent by me to key parties and I felt it was appropriate to share this email with The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

Sincerely,



William E. Sopko,
President

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Bill Sopko Sr.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2016 3:44 PM
To: Bill Sopko Sr.
Subject: Confirmation of: Utility Bailouts/Giveaways -- Consumer Cost Increases

Please do not reply to this email--this confirmation simply lets you know that your message was sent.

William Sopko, Sr.:

Thank you for *protecting and growing* Ohio manufacturing.

Your message has been sent to the following recipients:

- * Governor John Kasich
- * Senator Tom Patton
- * Senator Kenny Yuko
- * Representative Marlene Anielski
- * Representative Kent Smith

The content of your message is as follows:

[The message(s) you sent had each recipient's salutation here]:

I love the State of Ohio. I love our Cleveland Browns. I hate the fact First Energy paid BIG money to name Cleveland Stadium and call it good will or "advertising" and then they want "special" treatment with a PPA.

I am writing to urge you to act to prevent the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio from approving the negotiated settlements of FirstEnergy and AEP (and a small group of others who have negotiated certain benefits) that will enable the utilities to implement costly Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) riders and other cost-driving provisions.

Should the PUCO approve the deals, both utilities will be able to collect costs (via non-bypassable PPA riders) from all of their customers to subsidize their uneconomical generation assets, thus protecting the utilities from cost risk and guaranteeing their profits and cost recovery. And put it all on the backs of their customers for an eight-year term.

Ohio's Consumers' Counsel has estimated that the FirstEnergy settlement could cost consumers \$3.9 billion over the eight-year duration of the PPA, and the AEP settlement could cost consumers \$2 billion.

The PUCO is expected to act in early 2016.

If approved by the full PUCO, these deals will put an unnecessary and anti-competitive layer of costs on consumers with no commensurate benefits, constrain competition, and dampen technological innovation in Ohio. In addition, both settlements contain other provisions that will increase costs to consumers.

William Sopko Sr.
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The markets for electricity in Ohio are working to the benefit of consumers. These deals are a massive setback to the consumer-friendly efficiency of those markets.

Please protect Ohio manufacturers and all consumers in FirstEnergy and AEP territories, the lion's share of the state in terms of utilities, from this substantial bailout/giveaway.

All of you were elected by the PEOPLE, who like you pay our electric bills, Please don't let these few companies get a special break on our backs !!!!!

Sincerely,

William Sopko Sr.

[Your postal address was included here]