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Hunter, Donielle

From:

Sent:

Monday, February 08, 2016 4:13 PM

To:

Johnson, Thomas

Pull the Plug on FE ripping us off...

Dear Commissioner Johnson,

I am WORN OUT after being an all electric home owner...one once since 1975.

I was there in Columbus at the PUCO hearing as a testifying (on the bench) witness a few years back regarding the all electric RGC discount 10-0176-EL-ATA, complete with copies of a letter from Cleveland Electric Illuminating (dated and postmarked envelope and addressed to me) for PUCO and FE to examine, saying I will always have my RGC discount as long as I live in my house. It was implied in the letter that the next person to move into my house probably will lose the discount. When testifying, the FE's lawyer implied that I didn't understand what the letter was really implying and simply blew it off to everyone involved as I didn't understand it. HUH.....It seemed pretty straight forward if one was to read only 2 sentences of the letter for themselves and not listen to the suggested implied response by the FE lawyer. Well I guess it is easier to LISTEN to a lawyer than to READ only a couple sentences out loud, or to themselves. Copies in PDF format are available if anyone reading this message would like the letter as well as addressed and post marked letter stated above. Chalk up one for lawyers...

Simply put, I have over the years gone from 5,500 kWh in the winter peak to around 1650 kWh usage. A very large reduction. Similarly in summer from 2300 to about 700 kWh. I can't get it down any further after costing me around \$35,000 out of my pocket to get my bills that greatly down on usage through major and minor improvements. I was doing this as an investment so when I retire, my bills should be reasonable on a fixed income. Well the current electric bills are far exceeding any inflation that might be encountered. An example as follows...Dec 2014, actual cost per kWh USED was 8.27 versus 10.22 cents for Dec 2015 bill. A 23.5% increase. It doesn't stop there, Jan 2014 6.82 cents, versus 9.4 cents Jan 2015. Wow, a 50% increase. If this keeps up, what next 60%, then 75% if and when PUCO might approve FE's current appeal to keep the old power plants open. Maybe my bills will go up 100% per kWh.

I don't want my electric bill to go up to pay for AEP's and FirstEnergy's old power plants. The utilities claim they're losing money on their aging plants, and now they're demanding that consumers cover the cost of their bad decisions not to invest in cheaper, cleaner power, like natural gas.

It's outrageous that my electric bill will go up while these giant utilities are earning billions of dollars and paying hefty dividends to their shareholders. Please stand up for Ohio consumers and tell the PUCO to reject AEP's and FirstEnergy's money grab before the lawyers can chalk up a BIGGIE win number 2.

I am respectful of lawyers, but watch out PUCO, read, read, and don't simply listen. It is easy to be swayed. I have kept this to one page because most people won't bother to read it if it exceeds one page. Please read out of respect. Thank you in advance....

Respectfully....
Jesse Willetts

First Energy, Cleveland Electric Illuminating customer Parma Ohio

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Sincerely,

Jesse Willetts 10300 Munich Dr Parma, OH 44130 jwparmaz@yahoo.com

From:

Allen Morrow <armorrow@zoominternet.net>

Sent:

Monday, February 08, 2016 7:17 PM

To:

Johnson, Thomas

Subject:

Start representing the best interest of the consumer!

Dear Commissioner Johnson,

The public is clearly tired of the PUCO only representing the interest of the utilities to the detriment of the consumer. You told us that "Choice" would be to our benefit then you proceeded to allow the utilities, both gas and electric, to initiate and then repeatedly increase monthly base charges which have no relationship to usage. The bills stay high because the utility is awarded ever higher fees regardless of what is paid for the underlying energy. Start protecting the consumer for a change.

New, clean, natural gas plants are providing alternatives to old, inefficient plants that AEP and FirstEnergy want consumers to subsidize with rate increases. The utility companies have threatened plant shut-downs and warned that consumers and businesses will no longer have a reliable power supply, if they don't get handouts paid for by consumers. But Ohio's power grid operator and multiple experts have said that Ohio has plenty of power generation for the future.

Don't fall for utility scare tactics! Please Tell the PUCO to say "no" to the utility handouts and "yes" to cheaper natural gas to fuel Ohio's future.

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Sincerely,

Allen R. Morrow 6878 Blue Ridge Dr Youngstown, OH 44514

From:

Don Bechard, mr <time2ride1979@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, February 08, 2016 7:41 PM

To:

Johnson, Thomas

Subject:

Must be a scam for sure

Dear Commissioner Johnson,

I am 73 years old. Retired. I bought a home in Avon Lake in 1975 that came with an electric usage discount. I lost this a few years back and this put a bite in my budget for sure. I felt that was a bit of a greedy move. I could understand it to a point, Business is a business. But now this new add on to try to pass the cost of running a business to the customer is a total rip off. If you are not able to manage and run a business then you eat the loss and do not pass it off to customers.

Sincerely,

Don Bechard mr 214 Parsons Dr Avon Lake, OH 44012

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Don Bechard mr 214 Parsons Dr Avon Lake, OH 44012

From:

Jeffrey Boggs <jboggs3@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, February 08, 2016 7:44 PM

To:

Johnson, Thomas

Subject:

Protect Ohioans from AEP and First Energy gaming captive Ohio utility consumers

Dear Commissioner Johnson,

AEP and FirstEnergy are trying to hijack Ohioans' electric bills and demand billions of dollars in ransom from Ohio consumers to prop up their old power plants that they claim are losing money. I shouldn't have to pay extra charges to subsidize utility companies when I get no benefit in return.

Please protect hard-working Ohioans, seniors on fixed incomes, and small business owners from ridiculous and totally unnecessary rate hikes. Please tell the PUCO to put a stop to this corporate welfare.

First Energy Executive Chairman Anthony J. Alexander was paid/compensated \$10,890,217 for the year 2014.

First Energy EVP, Market & Chief Legal Officer Leila L. Vespoli was paid \$2,539,054 for 2014.

First Energy President & CEO Charles E. Jones Jr., was paid \$2,307,238 for 2014.

First Energy SVP & CFO James F. Pearson was paid \$ 2,345,904 for 2014.

First Energy President, FE Generation James H. Lash was paid \$ 1,856,086 for 2014.

The PUCO needs to decide to ---NOT--- force Ohio citizens/consumers to pay for upgrades to First Energy and AEP power plants because of their negligence in maintaining their power plants. There are better and more affordable power generating options available.

No more corporate gouging and gaming utility consumers.

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Sincerely,

Jeffrey Boggs 52 Willow Dr Apt 2 Youngstown, OH 44512

From:

Tammy Honaker <user@votervoice.net>

Sent:

Monday, February 08, 2016 11:14 PM

To:

Johnson, Thomas

Subject:

Tell the PUCO "NO to rate increases"

Dear Commissioner Johnson,

When we built our home in 1990 Ohio Edison offered that if we built an all electric home that we would get our electric at a cheaper rate. Ohio Edison/First energy was allowed to resend that offer and now we can barely afford our electric. Ohio Edison charges a Distribution Related Component which almost equals what I am being charged for electric. So that doubles my bill. Please don't make us the consumers pay for First Energy/ Ohio Edison's mistakes. No more hand outs.

The utility companies have threatened plant shut-downs and warned that consumers and businesses will no longer have a reliable power supply, if they don't get handouts paid for by consumers. But Ohio's power grid operator and multiple experts have said that Ohio has plenty of power generation for the future.

Don't fall for utility scare tactics! Please Tell the PUCO to say "no" to the utility handouts and further rate increases.

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Sincerely,

Tammy Honaker 1135 New Milford Rd Atwater, OH 44201 thonaker@aol.com

From:

Maria Sams <user@votervoice.net>

Sent:

Monday, February 08, 2016 11:34 PM

To:

Johnson, Thomas

Subject:

Enough!

Dear Commissioner Johnson,

New, clean, natural gas plants are providing alternatives to old, inefficient plants that AEP and FirstEnergy want consumers to subsidize with rate increases. The utility companies have threatened plant shut-downs and warned that consumers and businesses will no longer have a reliable power supply, if they don't get handouts paid for by consumers. But Ohio's power grid operator and multiple experts have said that Ohio has plenty of power generation for the future.

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Sincerely,

Maria Sams 9120 Prelog Ln Willoughby, OH 44094 msams40072@aol.com

From:

Linda Knight <Lionsateall8@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, February 08, 2016 11:39 PM

To:

Johnson, Thomas

Subject:

plan to stop Aep from gas hikes

Dear Commissioner Johnson,

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Sincerely,

Linda Knight 1923 Torchwood Dr Columbus, OH 43229

From:

Kathleen Gerspacher <kgerspacher@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, February 08, 2016 11:42 PM

To:

Johnson, Thomas

Subject:

I need to fix my own house! Can't afford fixing the successful power companies

responsibilities!!!

Dear Commissioner Johnson,

Please stand up for Ohio consumers and tell the PUCO to reject AEP's and FirstEnergy's attempt to take money from hard working people who need money fixing their own responsibilities.

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Sincerely,

Hard Working Ohio Woman 107 N Franklin St Delaware, OH 43015

From:

Amy Kehl <user@votervoice.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 09, 2016 12:15 AM

То:

Johnson, Thomas

Subject:

Protect Ohioans

Dear Commissioner Johnson,

AEP and FirstEnergy are trying to hijack Ohioans' electric bills and demand billions of dollars in ransom from Ohio consumers to prop up their old power plants that they claim are losing money. I shouldn't have to pay extra charges to subsidize utility companies when I get no benefit in return.

Utility and food prices continue to rise, wages are stagnant, employers use staffing agencies to avoid paying benefits.

Companies should not be able to raise rates on consumers to pay for someone else that did not pay their share, AEP should have taken action earlier to prevent their loss. It's not the consumer responsibility to bail them out.

As for employers using staffing agencies, the employer should have to hire the employee after a specific time. There are employees that work over 18 months and are still working through a staffing agency. This is over a sufficient time for the employer to know if work orders are constant and the employee is qualified. An employee should not have to work over a year as a temporary employee.

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Sincerely,

Amy Kehl 28471 Chieftain Dr Logan, OH 43138 aj.kehl@yahoo.com

From:

Michael Pierce <mike@hugheskitchens.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, February 09, 2016 6:49 AM

To:

Johnson, Thomas

Subject:

AEP and First energy rate hike

Dear Commissioner Johnson,

AEP and FirstEnergy are trying to raise our utility bills. I am a business owner in Canton Ohio. I feel this is unfair and it will cause me and others finatial stress. Please do what you can to stop this

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Sincerely,

Michael Pierce 1258 Cleveland Ave NW Canton, OH 44703 From:

Johnson, Thomas

To:

Puco Docketing

Subject: Date: FW: Ignore utility companies" scare tactics Monday, February 08, 2016 11:50:25 PM

From: Timothy Hodgkinson, Sr

Sent: Monday, February 8, 2016 11:42:01 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

To: Johnson, Thomas

Subject: Ignore utility companies' scare tactics

Dear Commissioner Johnson,

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Timothy Hodgkinson Sr 10803 Mason Rd Castalia, OH 44824