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RE: Opposition Comment to PPA Cases 14-1693-EL-RDR; 14-1297-EL-SSO

Dear PUCO:

I am writing to ask that you reject the negotiated settlements of FirstEnergy and AEP that will enable the utilities to implement costly Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) riders and other cost-driving provisions.

PPG, a Fortune 200 company and a leading manufacturer of paints and coatings, has deep roots in Ohio. PPG has eight manufacturing locations across the state, as well as 3,000+ employees supporting high-tech, advanced manufacturing.

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 generation assets, thus protecting the utilities from cost risk and guaranteeing their profits and cost recovery.

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. PPG estimates the additional costs of this new rider to be over \$500,000 during the eight year term of the case.

The markets for electricity in Ohio are working to the benefit of consumers. These deals are a setback to the consumer-friendly efficiency of those markets. Please support Ohio manufacturers in FirstEnergy and AEP territories by not supporting this deal.

In the meantime, if I am able to serve as a resource on this important issue, I may be reached at (412) 434-2181.

Sincerely,

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