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Columbus, Ohio 43215

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RE: Cases 14-1693-EL-RDR (AEP); 14-1297-EL-SSO (FirstEnergy)

Dear PUCO Commissioners,

I am writing to urge you to reject the negotiated settlements of FirstEnergy and AEP (and the 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-by-passable 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.

Based on Ariel Corporation's electrical consumption and impact estimates from the Ohio Manufacturers Association, it's estimated the additional direct cost to Ariel of this new rider to exceed \$1.3 million over the eight year term of the case. That is real money that could be used on more productive purposes such as job retention as we wait for the energy market prices to recover, possibly preventing otherwise avoidable job losses at our Ohio facilities. Ariel operates three campuses of buildings, comprising more than one million square feet under roof in Mount Vernon, Akron and Newark, Ohio. We employ over 1,400 employees and are one of the fortunate few companies in the oil and gas industry that has been able to preserve our work force during the current oil and gas market crash. This additional, unfair and uncompetitive burden could hinder our ability to weather this market storm.

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.

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.

Karen Buchwald Wright

Karen Buchwald Wright
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Governor John Kasich

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Cc: Laura Silcott
Subject: Energy Policy - Rejection Request
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Good Morning,

On behalf of Ariel Corporation, I am writing to urge you to **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.

Please see the attached letter from Karen Buchwald Wright, CEO.

Thank You,

Laura Silcott

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Mar 10, 2016

Andre Porter
OH

Dear Porter,

I'm writing today to ask you to say no to FirstEnergy's request for the PUCO to authorize substantial, customer-funded subsidies to bail out its uneconomic power plants.

Please reject FirstEnergy's proposal and ensure full corporate separation, so that a utility can no longer cross-subsidize or favor its affiliate companies in order to block competition. Doing so would send a clear message to clean energy businesses, entrepreneurs, investors, and residents that Ohio is ready for a new era -- one in which utility profits are not placed ahead of Ohioans' best interest and electricity is clean, reliable, and affordable.

Please reject FirstEnergy's request. It's what's right for Ohio's clean energy future.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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I am tired of the rhetoric and encourage you to PASS the PPA program.

People do not realize how much we rely on electricity and if the PPA does not pass, our costs will go up.

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