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After more than a year of hearings, thousands of citizens and businesses calling for its rejection, and expert testimony, FirstEnergy has failed to explain why using ratepayer dollars to prop up their aging, inefficient, dirty power plants makes any sense.

The proposed settlement that is pending before you does nothing to mitigate the environmental and public health impacts these coal plants will have in Ohio and beyond. The proposed settlement flies in the face of Ohio policy that honors customer choice. And just as egregious is asking Ohioans - the very same people who will suffer from air pollution and will have diminished energy choice under this proposed deal - to pick up the tab of over \$8 a month per household. By comparison, the cost of clean, renewable power that customers pay now is only about \$1 per month!

It is past time for FirstEnergy to adapt to a competitive market that is becoming more and more favorable to cleaner resources; the PUCO should encourage them to innovate and invest in the energy resources of the future instead of doubling down on the energy resources of the past.

Please stand with Ohio families and small businesses and reject this proposed settlement.

Thank you for your time in considering this request.

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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 E Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215

CC: Chairman Andre T. Porter and Commissioners Asim Z. Haque, Lynn Slaby, M. Beth Trombold, and Thomas W. Johnson

March 12th, 2016

Dear Commissioners Porter, Haque, Slaby, Trombold, and Johnson:

Over a year ago the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio held a series of public hearings regarding FirstEnergy's proposed rate increase in Akron, Cleveland, and Toledo. At each of those hearings, and particularly in Cleveland, dozens of ratepayers testified against giving FirstEnergy more of our money to FirstEnergy than we already do, for power plants that our regional grid operator says we do not need. Now, more than a year and many iterations later, the original plan has morphed not for the better, but continues to be considered by the PUCO.

The Plain Dealer reported in November that PUCO staff met privately with lawyers from FirstEnergy and negotiated a new version of the bailout plan. Through newspaper reporting we know that the term of the bailout has shortened, but no effort has been made by the PUCO to explain this new version of the plan to the public. We the people of northeast Ohio We will be forced to pay to bailout old power plants and guarantee profit for an investor owned utility for the next 8 years if you accept the plan as is. Our communities have not had an opportunity to learn about the revised plan and comment on it. We need to be informed about what this plan is and we need a chance to meaningfully comment on it. Recent polling by the AARP shows that voters do not want to guarantee profit for FirstEnergy, an investor owned utility for the next eight years. We ask that the PUCO hold another set of hearings on the FirstEnergy rate case in FirstEnergy territory. At these hearings please include a summary of what the plan is at this point and be ready to take testimony from us, the ratepayers, and the public, who you serve as a commissioner on the Public Utilities Commission.

### Sincerely,

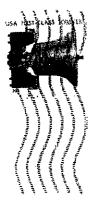
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## COMMENT DESCRIPTION:

AEP Ohio and First Energy have asked for increases in rates to subsidize the operations -- with healthy profit margins -- of their aging coal-fired power plants and the Davis-Besse nuclear power plant. Please don't let the power companies threaten and bully the taxpayers of Ohio. By allowing them to hike rates on all Ohioians including hardworking revenue generating businesses, you are hurting our ability to live within limited budgets, and to be competitive in attracting business to our state. Schools will ask for more leavies in order to pay for increasing operating costs. Do not allow the rate hikes - you will hurt us all! Don't bow down to fund a failing business model.