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From: Rev Crow Swimsaway PhD
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Message:
Dear Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Andre Porter,

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 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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