From:	KnowWho Services
To:	Puco Docketing
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Dear PUCO,

I was pleased to hear FirstEnergy announce it plans to retire 901 MWs of aging dirty coal generation at the W.H. Sammis and Bay Shore power plants. These units put out millions of tons of CO2 and tens of millions of pounds of SO2 and NOx each year leading Ohio to have some of the dirtiest air in the United States and contributing to significant environmental issues.

Retiring these units will lead to significant health and environmental benefits for the communities near these plants and all of those downwind. At the same time, it is imperative FirstEnergy provide plans and assistance for the communities in which these plants are located.

As FirstEnergy financially benefited for decades from these plants, and Ohioans consumed their power, the communities where these plants were located faced disproportionate adverse health impacts. It is FirstEnergy's responsibility to ensure the members of these communities do not now faced additional economic backlash as these plants no longer make financial sense and move towards retirement.

Retirement of old dirty generation is welcome news. It is my hope as this generation comes offline, you will support more emphasis on energy efficiency and renewable energy, and modernization of Ohio's electricity infrastructure, and that you will require FirstEnergy to develop and implement plans for the communities where the retiring plants are located.

Sincerely,

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