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

Case number: 17-0334-EL-ATA

**I do not support FirstEnergy proposed customer charge
increase of \$8.36/month to \$25.07/month.**

**I support clean, renewable energy such as solar, wind
energy.**

**Do not use my money to support coal in any way, shape or
form.**

Garry J. Kudlinski
Garry J. Kudlinski
283 Freedom Lane
Waterville, OH 43566

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Susan Lamour
Joe Zabowski
7924 Royal Hampton Lane
Waterville, OH 43566

Dear Public Utilities Commission of Ohio:

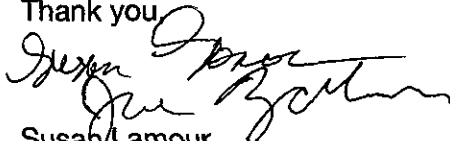
We are strongly opposed to the proposal to increase the mandatory "consumer charge" to our electric bill.

We work hard to reduce our electric bills and our carbon footprint by reducing our use of air conditioning and using high efficiency appliances. We make every effort to conserve energy by turning off lights and appliances when they are not in use. An increase to the blanket charge that is not tied to usage, does not promote energy conservation. That is the opposite of the direction we should be moving. We all need to be encouraged to conserve our planet's resources and decrease the need for more energy production that contributes to global warming.

I have also recently retired and I am now on a fixed income. The increase you are proposing would be a hardship to our family.

Please do not pass along the financial problems Toledo Edison is experiencing to the consumers.

Thank you.



Susan Lamour
Joe Zabowski

to whom it may concern,

The proposed customer charge increases will negatively impact our family.

We are new parents to a 9 month old daughter. The \$200.52 is money we work hard for in order to provide for our daughter's needs.

As a mother, I am not able to stay home with her due to finances.

Please do not increase the customer charge.

Sincerely,

Kim Crozier

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I oppose an increase of
my utility bill from Toledo
Edison. I'd prefer to invest
in clean energy.

Beth Mckay
437 Hickory Lane
Waterville OH 43566

The increase in the electrical costs would be extremely hard on our family. It would be hard to afford an extra \$200 when we need to provide for our daughter.

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August, 22, 2017

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broadway Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: Case number: 17:03340EL-ATA

Dear Utilities Commissioner:

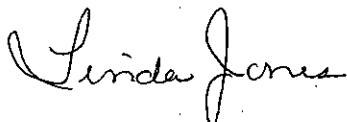
I am writing today after learning that First Energy plans to raise the cost of my electrical charges three fold in the next year. I am a single parent and have worked very hard with one income to ensure that my son has a good life and I am able to pay my bills. I could not continue to live in my current home if my bill increased this much. I would be forced to move from a home where I raised my child in order to be able to afford electricity. I recently purchased a new energy efficient refrigerator. I hope to systematically be able to replace the rest of my appliances as I can afford. Unfortunately, with the significant raise in electricity, this would consume any extra money that I would be able to save every month to put toward the purchased of a more efficient product.

The elevated cost of electricity will also affect my employment. I work in a hospital where our payments are reduced every year while our expenses continue to increase. The effect on all business will be devastating- but small business will also be adversely affected- forcing many to close.

While I understand that there are upgrades that First Energy may need to make, I do not believe that coal should be a resource that is invested in for the future. Especially with renewable resources available, I believe there are safer cleaner solutions that may not be as costly. I believe that we need to protect fresh water like the Great Lakes and I know that with the switch to cleaner energy solutions, like solar, the threat of not having clean drinking water will only be a memory.

I hope that you take my concerns into consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Jones".

Linda Jones

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Public Utilities Commission

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I do not agree to raising my fixed utility cost. I am on a fixed income and can not compensate by using less energy to meet my budget. I have high college costs and financial obligations. I recommend that the utility companies find a way to become more efficient, and not raise my fixed costs. Hank L. Abbas

8/22/17

To whom it may concern:

An increase in an energy bill would just be another stressor in our family life. We struggle to maintain a budget and stay current on our bills, and daily expenses.

We have children in college, so we pay their tuition and expenses as well. It gets harder + harder to save for our retirement when we can barely get through each + every month at times. With a very tight budget, any increases in our utilities can really cause issues, especially if they are large increases.

It would be nice if there were other ways to provide our necessities of heat, electric, etc. that were less expensive and more budget friendly.

Sincerely,

Dorothy

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I think it is hard to imagine that my electric bill should go up around \$25 dollars a month. I will have 3 kids in college next year and if all my utilities raised this much then it would be a struggle. I am not in a position to make energy efficiency upgrades like installing new windows.

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~~Doreen~~ Shale Kelle

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August 22, 2017

Lisa Urie
1416 Mill Creek Lane
Waterville, OH 43566

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

Dear Commissioners,

I cannot afford any electricity increases especially in the monthly customer fees that are not actual usage. I am down to substituting after positions were cut this year, which does not provide a living wage. I am already conserving electricity and cutting every expense possible to try and keep my home. This proposed change is a disaster to anyone on a fixed income: elderly, poor, disabled etc. It will affect women ~~disap~~ more as their wages are already lower than men.

It is also harder on a single household or one wage earner family. If people could afford it, I think they would go off grid. If my career situation had not changed I would have installed solar panels at my home. By increasing fixed expenses like this it forces people to wait to install or purchase energy efficient appliances etc. I have already waited several years to replace leaking windows. It adds stress to people's lives which then makes them ill, causing even more expenses (medical).

Please consider this decision, to approve or disapprove the First Energy request to increase consumer's mandatory residential fixed fees very carefully. I pray you make a wise decision in favor of the customers who

have no choice except to
to shut off their electricity
or move away when expenses
get too high. Think about
what will happen in the
winter without electricity.
I appreciate your consideration
in reading my letter and
considering my opinion.

Very Sincerely,

Lisa Urie
Lisa Urie

August 22, 2017

Dear Public Commission of Ohio,

My wife and I are retired and this proposed increase on our First Energy bill would not be easy. As I suppose this increase would be a hardship for most families.

We take great pride in trying to save energy, do things as "green" as possible and recycle as much as we can.

First Energy is holding on to old energy wasting and polluting ways. We need to head in the opposite direction of these antiquated processes and we should be headed towards efficiency and clean energy.

Jack Schultz

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22 August 2017
2219 North St. James Parkway
Cleveland Heights, OH 44106-3330

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus OH 43215

Dear Commissioners:

RE: 17-0334-EL-ATA

I have just been made aware that PUCO is considering a request from FirstEnergy to increase our electric rates by a fixed amount in anticipation of future increases in the price of fuel for their generators. Since rate the will be fixed, my household will have no ability to control our costs by changing our usage habits or make energy efficient improvements.

My wife and I are seniors living on fixed incomes that don't keep pace with rising costs. While the cost of owning and maintaining a home keeps rising, our ability to keep up with cost increases becomes a function of taking on part-time jobs or reducing our standard of living or both. As we continue to age, our medical costs increase and our physical capacity to work decreases. We are caught in a squeeze that we did not create by not being responsible in our living habits. I have made many energy improvements to our house which is 95 years old and certainly not built to today's energy efficiency standards.

It is amazingly unfair to grant utility companies the ability to raise prices in anticipation of costs rather than recovery of costs. It is not possible for anyone to do without electricity in favor of another energy source without making a huge capital investment in solar or geothermal equipment. We are not able to make such an investment at our age because there is no hope of recovering the investment within our expected lifetimes. Continuing to arbitrarily increase our costs to remain in our home will only force us to forego maintenance or worse, abandon our home in favor of a down sized residence sooner than we planned.

Please factor in the impact such a rate increase will have on people in circumstances similar to ours. I am sure PUCO does not want to be responsible for large scale dislocation of the elderly and lower income home owners in Ohio. Your consideration is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Warren R. Walfish". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Warren" being more prominent.

Warren R. Walfish

460 Patriot Drive West
Waterville, Ohio 43566

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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio:

I am writing to express my objection to FirstEnergy's proposal to raise rates for their uniform mandatory residential fixed fees. This "customer charge" is excessive and unfair to consumers.

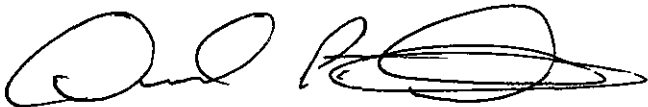
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By talking money out of my pocket, you are affecting my ability to use my budget to further reduce energy usage and reduce my carbon footprint. Consider that my rate cost is increasing \$17.00 per month. At \$17.00 for twelve months, that comes to \$204.00 per year which could be used to purchase a energy saving appliance which would lessen my carbon footprint and benefit the American economy.

Furthermore, pressure should come to bear on companies like FirstEnergy to move from coal-based energy production to cleaner energy sources. This shift should not be forced to come at the expense of the average consumer in order to increase corporate profit margins.

Please reject FirstEnergy's proposal to increase my rates!

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Daniel P. Dick

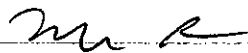
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to ask you not to
raise my power bill. ^{with case 17-0331-EL-ATA -} My family and I are
on a very tight budget and it would greatly
hurt us financially. Coal prices have gone up
but that is something the companies should
anticipate. Don't punish the consumer we haven't
used more energy. We should be trying to go
to solar energy or other forms. We recently bought
a energy efficient battery powered weed whacker.
If you raise fees, we won't have the money
to buy these energy efficient things.

Sincerely,

Michael R Coulter and Residents



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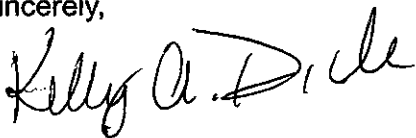
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly A. Dick". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kelly A. Dick

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