BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of) FirstEnergy Solutions Corp. to Become a) Case No. 00-1742-EL-CRS Certified Retail Electric Supplier in the State of Ohio.

FIRSTENERGY SOLUTIONS CORP.'S MOTION TO STRIKE THE OFFICE OF THE **OHIO CONSUMERS' COUNSEL'S CORRESPONDENCE**

The Commission should strike the correspondence filed by Ohio Consumers' Counsel ("OCC") in this docket on November 6, 2017 ("Correspondence"). In the Correspondence, OCC improperly asks the Commission (1) to direct FirstEnergy Solutions Corp. ("FES") to develop plans for customer messaging and (2) to review FES's posted collateral.¹ The Correspondence is procedurally improper and lacks any substantive basis.

OCC is not a party to this proceeding and, as set forth in FES's Memorandum Contra filed contemporaneously with this Motion, OCC has no grounds to intervene in this proceeding. And regardless of whether OCC is a party, the Correspondence is not authorized by any Commission rule of procedure. Indeed, the Correspondence fails to comply with O.A.C. 4901-1-12. As a result, the Commission should strike the Correspondence as procedurally improper.

Additionally, OCC's Correspondence is laden with speculation and conjecture about hypothetical events that may or may not occur in the future, false allegations, legal misunderstandings regarding bankruptcy restructuring, and ill-advised proposals. Thus, there also is no substantive basis to grant the relief OCC improperly requests in the Correspondence.

¹ OCC Correspondence (Nov. 6, 2017), at 1-2.

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission should strike the Correspondence filed by OCC in this docket as procedurally improper and without any substantive factual or legal basis.

Respectfully submitted,

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Summary: Motion to Strike the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel's Correspondence electronically filed by Mr. Mark T Keaney on behalf of FirstEnergy Solutions Corp.