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DEAR SIR:

THIS IS CONCERNING CASE #03-2144-EL-ATA...

PLEASE DO NOT GRANT OR APPROVE A BILLING INCREASE TO CUSTOMERS OF FIRST
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THANKYOU VERY MUCH

Gerald S. Merolla

GERALD S. MEROLLA.

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Mrs John L. Hancin

Account No.

1100 15 174409

*2146 Mountdair NE
Warren, Ohio 44483*

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 MR & MRS DAVID WALTON
10239 NEWTON FALLS RD
NEWTON FALLS OH 44444-8238

David M Walton
Pauline S Walton

Account # 1100-10-0208-88

10232 N.F. Rd.

" " 1100-10-0221-73

10239 N.F. Rd.

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THANKYOU VERY MUCH

We are senior citizens who cannot afford an increase, especially one of such magnitude
as requested. Please do not allow First Energy or Ohio Edison to increase their rates.

Ohio Edison Account # 11 00 16 7622 3 6

General Service Meter # 622277947

David L. Ahart

David L. Ahart

Judith Ahart

Judith Ahart

Thank you.

*We have 2 separate accounts and feel we can send
one letter for each account.*

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SIR(S):

THE PLAN FIRST ENERGY HAS SUBMITTED TO PUCO, CALLS FOR HIGHER, MORE VOLATILE ELEC. RATES, FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS WE AS SENIOR FIXED LOW/NOONE CONSUMERS ARE VERY MUCH AGAINST THE FIRST ENERGY PLAN.

1. POTENTIALLY RAISING GENERATION RATES BY 50% OVER NEXT 2 YEARS!
2. THEY ARE BREAKING A COMMITMENT TO FREEZE RATES THRU 2007!
3. THEY WANT TO IMPOSE AN EXCESSIVE SURCHARGE.
4. FIRST ENERGY SETTING STAGE FOR FUTURE RATE HIKES RELATED TO ELEC. CHOICE PROGRAMS.
5. FIRST ENERGY WAS TOLD BY PUCO, TO SUBMIT PLAN TO STABILIZE ELEC RATES. THEY FAILED TO DO SO!
6. FIRST ENERGY HAS FAILED TO DEVELOP A PLAN THAT WOULD HELP PRODUCE A COMPETITIVE MARKET FOR

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ELECTRIC CONSUMER RATES, AS REQUESTED BY
P.U.CO.

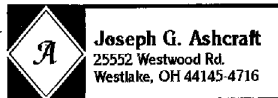
MY WIFE & I ARE SENIOR CITIZENS (I'm 85 yrs,
my LOVE IS 77 yrs), AND THE LAST THING WE
NEED IS ANOTHER "FAT CAT" PROPOSAL COMING
OUT OF THE P.U.CO. ADDING TO OUR ALREADY
TOO HIGH ELECTRIC RATES.

SEND FIRST ENERGY "BACK TO THE
DRAWING BOARD" REGARDING THEIR
PROPOSAL - VOTE IT DOWN!

CONSIDER THE RIGHT OF US CONSUMERS,
ESPECIALLY WE SENIORS ON LOW FIXED
INCOMES!!

THANK YOU & SINCERELY,

Joseph G. Ashcraft
Beatrice M. Ashcraft



440-871-8617

03-2144-EL-ATA

April 4, 2004

Dear Mr. [redacted]

In reference to your letter and fact sheet regarding first energy's rate plan, I do oppose to their plan.

Please register my name as being oppose to any plan that would harm residential customers.

I oppose raising generation rates, breaking a commitment to freeze rates through 2007, imposing an excessive surcharge, setting the stage for future rate hikes, failing to provide rate stability and failing to help customers develop for customers.

Keep rates as they are

Ellen L. Turner

Ms. Ellen L Turner
2525 Charney Rd
University Heights OH 44118

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April 7, 2002

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
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RE: 1st Energy "New" Rate Plan:

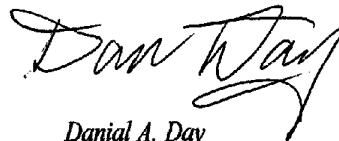
I live in Marion County, which is currently serviced by three Electric Utilities - Ohio Edison, AEP and a Rural Co-Op. Unfortunately, I have Ohio Edison as my electric utility, as do the majority of citizens in Marion County.

The rates we pay Ohio Edison per KWH range mostly in the 10-11 cent range. The other two utilities mentioned above never charge over 8 cents and as low as 5-6 cents, depending on usage. Deregulation 2 years ago was supposed to let us pick other providers, thus letting us get better rates. Due to a very complicated formula for billing, that Ohio Edison uses it is impossible to reduce our rates using anyone except Ohio Edison. I have had a load meter and am able to reduce my rates to 8.5 - 9 cents by watching my load in months that I use 1500 to 2000 KWH (which is above normal usage).

I understand that 1st Energy (Ohio Edison) has a new rate plan before the PUCO now that will let them raise our already high rates even higher! I think it is time for the PUCO to put the clamps on 1st Energy and let them take care of their supposed problems by becoming more efficient like AEP, Dayton Power and Cincinnati Electric, rather than sticking the consumer once again!

Please stop letting 1st Energy charge even more excessive rates than they already do.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.



Daniel A. Day
1001 Leetonia Road
Marion, Ohio, 43302

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110 E. Wood St #615

Youngstown, Ohio

April 6, 2004

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To whom it may concern:

I voice my opinion by saying
no to First Energy's rate plan.

If enough people don't voice
their opinion on the utility bills then
it would seem like they can afford
to pay whatever or whenever the rate
goes up. In fact, it seems like we
are getting to be just like Russia
where we won't have freedom of
speech and freedom of religion because
atheist people are always complaining
about God shouldn't be anywhere in
prayer time in the school system and
now they are saying that the name of
God shouldn't be in the "pledge of
allegiance." So you tell me if it
wasn't for God we would be in a
worse predicament than what we

are in not because it seem
like everyone is turning to atheism
because ~~if~~ if you listen to one
person than you don't have a mind of
your own for I believe in God and
always will believe in God for I
know what he can do and will do if
you believe and trust him.

Anything that I'm not satisfied
I will write letters for I only
receive a check once a month and
when you have to pay other bills, food
and try to buy medication out of the
one check where does it leave you
deciding what is more important when
you need all the important essentials.

So, I won't never approve of
something that I know is very wrong,
for the people in America is barely
existing with the economy the way
it is and everytime you get a raise
it is taken away from you.

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TO ~~WRECKING MY~~ ^{DOCKETING DIV} CONCERN?

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I DO NOT LIKE OR
~~WANT~~ ^{PUECO} THE FIRST ENERGY'S
RATE INCREASE AS MUCH
AS 50 PERCENT, THEY
SAID ~~THAT~~ THAT THEY WERE
COMMITMENT TO FREE RATES
TILL 2007

NOW THEY LAID ON
THEIR OWN WORD.
PLEASE STOP THIS ABUSE?

THANK YOU



F. Hierro
4918 Sheridan Rd.
Youngstown, OH 44514

330-7854780

F. Hierro

03-2144-EL-ATA

39 So. Lakeview
Youngstown, Ohio 44509
April 05, 2004


Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Docketing Division, 10th Floor
180 E. Broad St.
Columbus Ohio 43215-3793

Dear Sirs:

I object to a plan FirstEnergy has submitted to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. The plan calls for higher, more volatile rates potentially raising generation rates by as much as 50 percent over three years. FirstEnergy is breaking a commitment to freeze rates through 2007. FirstEnergy wants to collect an excessive surcharge of \$1 billion. FirstEnergy is setting the stage for future rate hikes. I believe FirstEnergy's plan maps out a schedule of probable rate hikes that northern Ohio residents should not have to pay. FirstEnergy's plan fails to help choices develop for customers.

Please protect the consumer who is suffering from the high cost of natural gas, gasoline and electricity.

Sincerely yours,

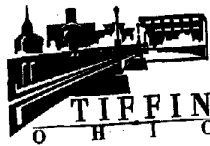


Richard Whittenberger

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City of Tiffin
Municipal Building
51 E. Market St.
Tiffin, Ohio 44883-2895

Office of the Mayor

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Dear Mayor:

B. J. HOFFMAN

FirstEnergy wants the PUCO to quickly rubber-stamp \$3 billion in charges for 2006-2008. This plan will cost me up to \$30/month. This is the only way we could see a drop in our bills. As FirstEnergy's nuclear plants are sold off, the PUCO doesn't listen to ratepayers. We need you and City Council to immediately raise a ruckus.

Susan Haken

Signature

287 Crestview Lane

Address

Tiffin, OH 44883

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Lewis Campbell
64 Towne & Country Dr
Tiffin OH 44883

03-2141-EL-ATA

Dear Mayor

BJ Hoffman

FirstEnergy wants the PUCO to quickly rubber-stamp \$3 billion in charges for 2002-2003. This plan will cost me up to \$30/month. This is the time we should see a drop in our bills, as FirstEnergy's nuclear plants are paid off. The PUCO doesn't listen to ratepayers. We need you and City Council to immediately raise a ruckus.

Marian Weimerskirch

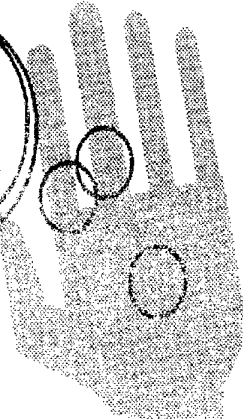
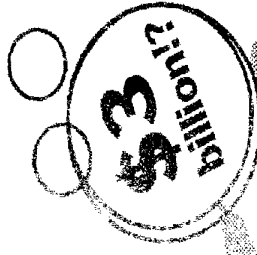
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Dear Mayor

HOWARD

FirstEnergy wants the PUCO to quickly rubber-stamp a \$3 billion rate increase for 2006-2008. This plan will cost me up to \$100/month. This is the time we should see a drop in our bill, as FirstEnergy's nuclear plants are paid off. The PUCO doesn't listen to ratepayers. We need you and City Council to immediately raise a hand.

Robert Bauer

240 6TH AVE

TIFFIN, OH 44883



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FirstEnergy's nuclear plants are paid off, but we need strong public opposition, too.

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Public Utility Commission of Ohio
Docketing Division, 10th Floor
180 E. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215-3793

PUCO

RE: Data Sheet & Ohio Consumer's Counsel April 1, 2004 Letter
reference FirstEnergy's Rate Plan submitted to the PUCO

Dear PUCO Members:

I am writing you with regards to the above reference matter, which concerns me as a Consumer and the effect it could have on my future electric costs and choices.

It has always been my understanding that the Public Utilities Commission is the controlling body on Utility Suppliers electric generation rates and all future rate increases chargeable to the Consumer. Therefore, I am asking the PUCO vote NO on the plan as submitted by FirstEnergy.

I further feel that if they have committed to freezing their rates through 2007 they should be made live-up to their commitment. Also, as the present rate charged covers "reliable service", we should not be expected to pay more, and FirstEnergy should follow the PUCO order. I must "follow the rules" as set forth for me by others, and so should FirstEnergy be made do so. Also, no additional excessive surcharges for "Rate Stabilization" should be approved by the PUCO.

Being a Consumer residing in Northwest OH, I have been told that this area pays the highest electric rates in all the State. Prior to moving here I resided in Southwest OH and I know the rates there were much more reasonable.

I am aware that FirstEnergy has recently had to make many expensive repairs to their Nuclear Reactor Davis-Besse but that was necessary due to their own poor-management, poor-trained employees, poor-employee attitudes, as well as, poor-management from the top on down, and, no fault of the consumer.

I would like to see a Competitive Consumer Choice Plan developed for consumers, with the cooperation of all electric providers. I trust that the PUCO can assure the consumer this will be done.

Sincerely,

Patricia E. Woodrome

Patricia E. Woodrome
178 N. Bedford St., Marblehead, OH 43440



Mrs. Patricia E. Woodrome
178 N. Bedford Street
Marblehead, OH 43440-9946

CC: Consumer's Counsel of OH
10 West Broad Street, Suite 1800, Columbus, OH 43215-3485



Ohio
Consumers'
Counsel

*Residential
Utility Advocate*

April 1, 2004

Dear Consumer:

The Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC), the residential utility advocate, is concerned about a plan FirstEnergy has submitted to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) and the impact it will have on your electric bills. In our view, the plan calls for higher, more volatile rates and fails to help the competitive market develop.

The enclosed fact sheet describes the plan and how we believe it would affect your monthly bills. If you are concerned about this, then you should voice your opinion by writing a letter to the PUCO as soon as possible. The PUCO is expected to rule on the plan some time in April. Your letter can be handwritten and mailed to the PUCO or sent via its website. As you prepare your letter, please refer to the OCC's fact sheet that also provides the PUCO mailing and web site addresses.

If you have questions, please contact our Consumer Response Center toll free at 1-877-PICKOCC (1-877-742-5622).

Sincerely,

Linda Walls Rominski

Linda Walls Rominski
Outreach & Education

Enclosure

10 West Broad Street
Suite 1800
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3485

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Just say no to FirstEnergy's rate plan

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A plan FirstEnergy has submitted to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) calls for higher, more volatile rates. Voice your opinion about this plan.

FirstEnergy's plan would harm residential consumers by:

- **Potentially raising generation rates by as much as 50 percent over three years.** Generation rates account for approximately two-thirds of your total monthly bill.
- **Breaking a commitment to freeze rates through 2007.** FirstEnergy proposes to violate a PUCO order that froze its distribution rates. Now, the company wants to be able to raise this rate if it spends money to "improve reliability of service." You are already paying for reliable service and FirstEnergy should follow the PUCO order.
- **Imposing an excessive surcharge.** FirstEnergy's proposal calls for all customers to pay a new "Rate Stabilization Charge." This charge would collect approximately \$1 billion from residential customers.
- **Setting the stage for future rate hikes.** FirstEnergy wants to collect millions of dollars related to electric choice and customer shopping. The company also wants to charge customers interest on accounts previously agreed to collect without interest.

- **Failing to provide rate stability.** FirstEnergy was told by the PUCO to submit a plan that would help keep your rates stable. We believe the plan it has proposed would fail to deliver any stability. Instead, it maps out a schedule of probable rate hikes that northern Ohio residents should not have to pay.
- **Failing to help choices develop for customers.** While the PUCO told FirstEnergy to develop a plan that would help a competitive market develop, the company's plan creates additional obstacles to electric choice. Ohio law has allowed local governments to aggregate and customers to choose an electric provider. While the market has developed slowly, FirstEnergy's plan would put the brakes on savings opportunities.

Action you can take to stop the plan

If FirstEnergy's plan concerns you as a consumer, then you can voice your opinion to the PUCO.

You can send comments to the PUCO by going to its online form for comments, questions or complaints at <https://www.puc.state.oh.us/secure/PicForm/index.cfm>.

Or, you can mail a letter to the PUCO at:

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
Docketing Division, 10th Floor
180 E. Broad Street
Columbus Ohio 43215-3793

The Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) is the residential utility advocate serving as a resource for individuals who have questions and concerns or would like more information about the services provided by their publicly owned electric, natural gas, telephone and water companies. The state agency also educates consumers about utility issues and resolves complaints from individuals.

For additional information from the Ohio Consumers' Counsel:

Call: 1-877-PICKOCC (1-877-742-5622) toll free or (614) 466-8574
Write: 10 West Broad Street, Suite 1800, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3485
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Mr. & Mrs. William Mills
221 Claremont Dr.
Brunswick, OH 44212

We understand that First Energy has submitted to the PUCO a plan that would increase our electric bills.

In this day and age — cost of living increasing, etc — we are all having a difficult time to make ends meet. Hospital costs, medication, food, etc. etc.

Please examine closely this impact on our electric bills.

Thank you

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Mrs. Marie Mills
Mr. William Mills

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PUCO
APRIL 3, 2004

Dear Sir:

I have read, real closely,
FIRST ENERGY'S PLAN for manipulating
Energy Prices once again. You have
no right to break your commitment
on frozen rates 3 years sooner.

These companies nowadays
are never satisfied, they are always
crying about their BOTTOM LINE
when they should practice living
within their means instead, BIGGER
is not necessary BETTER.

Give the working population
a break! - it's over due

Sincerely,
Alfred P. Kearley

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I am writing concerning
First Energy's new rate plan.

For service on a hybrid

income all these involve in

everything - a little here a

little there, as just getting a

MUCH for us. The old saying is

"It's either heating or eating or

become more + more a reality

in today's living in all areas.

We as a couple are beginning

to think. Service live to pay

bills. No extra for a movie

or "fast food" sandwich. Just get

the least security check, pay the

bills + wait for the next check. Some

life. Not to mention pensions.

Please consider everyone's
financial situation, not just demand.

don't appear an increase, money
does NOT keep up with the cost of living.
Thank you
Mary + Dave Spencer

Larry V. Spencer
444 Collie St.
Akron, OH 44314-3628

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April 5, 2004

Dear PUCO

Please stop First Energy's latest plan to increase generation rates over the next 3 years, breaking the freeze of rates through 2007, adding a surcharge and plans for future rate hikes. The cost of their electric is way to high already, Thankyou. Sincerely,
James W. Neuch

P.O. Box 13
Rome Oh 44085

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I'm ~~pulling~~ ^{pulling} our "complaint"
 (against) First Energy asking
 the Ohio PUCO to allow
 them to get their "New
 Rate Plan" (increase) they
 want to get, so they can
 collect millions of Dollars
 more and create more
 hardships on us.

They want to continue the
 "monopoly" they have in this
 area so we can never get a
 "Choice Program" in this area.

We are on S. Dec. and
 have very high medicines to
 buy. We don't get any "large
 raises" to help us pay for
 their increases they always
 want or need (so they pay.)

We hope you will say
 [NO] to this "Rate Plan" they
 want you to O.K. this ~~month~~.

Mrs. Marilyn Daly
Mr. Joseph E. Daly
2312 Brown Rd.
Oregon, Oh, 43616