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March 12, 2008

PUCO
180 E. Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Attn: Docketing Division
Re: Case No. 07-551-EL-AIR

This letter is response to Blade notifications of public meetings with regard to First Energy's proposed rate increases.

In view of First Energy's record profits for 2007, I **strongly** object to their raising rates and instead suggest there should be a **moratorium** against future rate increases for some time to come.

Considering their purchase of new vehicles and the huge new building at their maintenance facility in Holland, OH., I also suggest they find ways to reduce or curtail spending, and/or reducing staff to become 'lean and mean'.

We are an elderly couple living on social security.

My personal income is less than \$900 per month. Out of that I must pay my share of the mortgage payment, medical costs, gas and food, telephone, water, waste removal and utilities such as gas and electricity. Just how far can anyone stretch \$900? In addition, taxes continue to rise along with cost of everything else, but our income does not.

It becomes increasingly difficult for people to meet even their basic necessities, or find and keep jobs, while corporations, with the blessing of the Bush administration, and public utilities pursue draconian measures to wrench even more money from the already strapped public.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in regards to the proposed rate increase by First Energy Corporation. I highly disagree with the increase. I believe it is a part of doing business to have to maintain your infrastructure. Why have they not been reinvesting in their infrastructure over the years so they would not be in the predicament they are in now.

First Energy Corp. had a net income of 1.3 billion dollars in 2007. Their President, CEO, and Director, Anthony Alexander, had overall compensation in 2007 of 12.7 million. If they can pay their CEO, 12.7 million and have a net income of 1.3 billion dollars let them pay for the upgrade of their pipelines. It is a cost of running their business!!!

Sincerely,

Jan Howard
6519 Meadowbrook Dr.
Mentor, Ohio 44060

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

Attn: Docketing Division

180 E. Broad St.

Columbus, OH 43215

March 11, 2008

Dear Members of PUCO,

Regarding Case Number 07-551-EL-AIR:

Please do not reward the continual mismanagement of First Energy by approving their request for an unreasonable rate increase. Their CEI division has failed year in and year out to meet even minimal reliability standards for service, yet their bills are always on time!

First Energy in general and CEI in particular bear the responsibility for the infamous (and inexcusable) Great Eastern/Midwest Blackout of August 2004. Had they bothered to maintain their lines and trim trees as needed, the whole sorry debacle could have been avoided. Their building and management of their nuclear power plants is also less than exemplary, and they are trying to pass on the expenses of their repeated lousy business decisions and practices onto consumers. Rather than let the stockholders cope with some losses, First Energy would rather jack up the rates so that consumers will pay for their mistakes.

Increases in the cost of electricity for Ohio (which already has rates among the highest in the nation) will further depress the already moribund Ohio economy. Businesses will have yet another reason to avoid this state, and consumers will be even less able to afford daily living expenses.

Please protect the public and do not permit this unreasonable electric distribution rate increase.

Thank you for your diligence in protecting the average working Ohioan and his/her family,


Barbara Nicely

3951 Rosemond Rd.

Cleveland Hts. OH 44121

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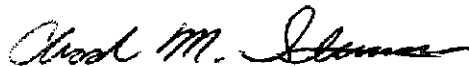
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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio:
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The First Energy Proposal to raise consumer rates for distributing electric service to equipment and wires that come to our homes is extremely excessive and totally UNREASONABLE.

I urge the PUCO to DENY this request. Most people (Young families, single persons and the elderly) can barely afford their electric bills now. An increase of this proportion will put more families at risk to afford their homes while many are already in foreclosure. An empty home pays no electric utilities. First Energy's unrealistic proposition will, in the end, lose revenue for them. I urge you to greatly REDUCE this increase by millions!!!

Sincerely,



Chad Stevenson
472 Rutland St.
Akron, OH 44305

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Care no. 02 551-EL-HIR

Dear Sir

I am writing in regards to
the request you are
having to raise our
electric power.

I am writing you're
to please understand
that as senior citizens
we are unable to with-
stand any more raises
on anything.

With the groceries and
gasoline and other
utilities on the up rise
we are really hurting.

I am unable to
to hardly make it go now.
My husband's pension
is only \$163.00 per mo.
We get a small
soc. sec. check.

Our pres. are \$339.⁰⁰ per mo.
We pay out \$359.⁰⁰ per mo.
for health ins.

So you see we are having
a rough time.

my husband had heart surgery
and I had a colostomy operation.

We are 88 yrs & I am 84.

So I beg of you please
consider us seniors.

Thank you
Mrs. Blaine Byer
322 Lennox S.W.
Massillon, Oh 44646

We have always paid our
electric bill as soon as we
get our Soc. Sec. check.



I am writing in re-
gard to the raise
that Toledo Edison
wants. I am against
it, and knowing our
rates are among
the highest now, we
can't afford much
more.

Please think of
our real good. They
make good profits.

Sincerely
Maxine R. Burgin



Ms. Maxine R. Burgin
3601 Hill Ave Lot 63
Toledo OH 43607



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

AS CUSTOMERS OF TOLEDO EDISON
WE PROTEST PUCO'S \$340 MILLION
ANNUAL REVENUE INCREASE FOR ALL
OHIO CUSTOMERS. SINCE THE ECON
OMY IS IN SUCH A BAD SHAPE, WE
THINK IT'S NOT A PROPER TIME FOR
SUCH AN INCREASE. BRING SENIOR
CITIZENS, THE COST OF GASOLINE
& FOOD HAS PUT A HUGE CRIMP
IN OUR BUDGET.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS
Jim & MARILYN Jovell

NO TO PUCO INCREASE

OHIO

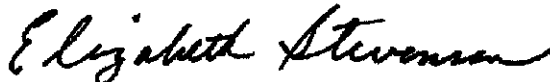
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Sincerely,



Elizabeth Stevenson
1483 Huguelet St,
Akron, OH 44305

In reference to Case Number 07-551-EL-AIR

Elise Marks
217 N. Brunell St.
Wauseon, OH 43567
RE: Case Number 07-551-EL-AIR

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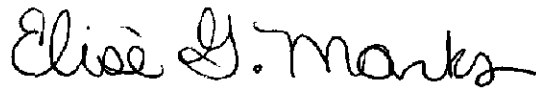
Dear Public Utilities Commission of Ohio:

My name is Elise Marks and I am a 24 year old home-maker in Wauseon, Ohio. I am writing in regards to the proposed rate increase for Toledo Edison customers. I feel the rate increase would be unfair as well as unmanageable for many Ohio residents. Ohioans are having problems as is with things like foreclosure, loss of jobs, and the slowing of the economy which will only be exacerbated by rising electric rates. Prices are rising for everything from the food we eat to the gasoline we consume and our national economy is failing and First Energy wants to pad their pockets with more profit? My family is able to make our monthly bill obligations with about \$200 left over for food and \$50 left over for any entertainment and overages in our budget. Our budget includes \$150 for electricity and gas to heat our home. These overages happen quite frequently in the summer due to my asthma and need to run our air conditioning to help alleviate those symptoms. I foresee any rate increase being a problem for my family as well as the overall economic state of Ohio. We have lost many jobs here in Northwest Ohio due to a stall in the economy, we are seeing people not buying as much because of increases in necessities like food and fuel (including gas and electric rates), and we are seeing people having problems with paying their mortgages. How is our state to cope with higher electric rates still? The growing cost of electricity for businesses will only be passed onto us consumers and what are we to do when we have no money? I already have switched all of my light bulbs in my house to the compact fluorescent bulbs, we have some new energy star appliances to help reduce our electric consumption and yet my electric bill barely dips below \$70 a month for cooking and my lights alone. When the central air is running our bill almost doubles and I have the thermostat set around 76 degrees. Not only do I have asthma but my mother and grandmother who live in Toledo also have asthma and they too need air conditioning. They are on the P.I.P. plan and when they go I know I will inherit some of that debt. If rates keep going up we will be forced with the decision of turning off the air conditioning and chancing our lives for a lower electricity bill or having an ungodly high bill and not being able to pay it. I am not on the P.I.P. plan because our income exceeds those set forth so whatever I see on the bill, I pay even if that means my family eats ramen noodles for lunch that month.

I do have concerns about the Davis Besse power plant. It was First Energy's oversights that led to the plant being shut down by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. I feel these rate hikes are a way of just passing the buck on to the consumers for their fowl up. When I had only \$30 for food for 3 months because of my student loans kicking in and there was no one there to bail me out so, I had to make it work just as I feel Toledo Edison must find a way to pay their fines for their lack of maintenance at their facility. I fed my three year old, myself, and my husband on \$30 in December, January, and

February so that we could pay our bills on time (including my Toledo Edison bill of between \$70 and \$90 each month). I would like to see Toledo Edison and First Energy become concerned with their customers and the state of Ohio. Everyone is having a rough time because of the economy, loss of jobs, and soaring costs everywhere. Toledo Edison charges some of the highest rates in the country and they let a nuclear reactor become a safety concern because of their lack of maintenance within the facility. If I worked in the plant and it was my fault there were problems, fine, raise my rate but it was not my fault someone dropped the proverbial ball on maintenance at the plant. If Toledo Edison was not willing to maintain their plant before they got in trouble and got fined by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission then I think they (CEO, CFO, share holders, etc.) should be held responsible for such fines and cost of bringing the plant up to code instead of passing it on to us, the cash-strapped Ohioans. If the rate hike is unnecessary, please help us by not raising the electric rates. Higher rates will only work against Ohio, Ohioans, and the economy. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elise G. Marks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Elise G. Marks