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January 5, 2009

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

Dear Commissioners:

Enclosed herewith please find a certified copy of Strongsville Resolution No. 2008-265, encouraging the Ohio Public Utilities Commission to request that First Energy continue and/or extend the NOPEC generation discount for electricity purchases and provide other incentives to NOPEC customers. Resolution No. 2008-265 was adopted by the Council of the City of Strongsville at its regular meeting held on December 15, 2008.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the enclosed Resolution.

Thank you for your cooperation regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

Leslie J. Seefried, MMC

Clerk of Council City of Strongsville

Enclosure - Resolution No. 2008-265

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CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. 2008 - 265

By: Mayor Perciak and all Members of Council

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE OHIO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO REQUEST THAT FIRST ENERGY CONTINUE AND/OR EXTEND THE NOPEC GENERATION DISCOUNT FOR ELECTRICITY PURCHASES AND PROVIDE OTHER INCENTIVES TO NOPEC CUSTOMERS.

WHEREAS, the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("NOPEC") is a regional council of governments under Ohio law comprised of some 126 member Ohio municipalities, counties and townships in eight (8) Northeast Ohio counties; and

WHEREAS, NOPEC currently operates governmental energy aggregation purchasing programs for electricity and natural gas and has arranged for the electric generation supply for about 400,000 retail electricity consumers whose distribution service is provided by the Cleveland Illuminating Company and Ohio Edison Company, both FirstEnergy Corporation companies; and

WHEREAS, NOPEC's customers currently all take SSO service from the Ohio Edison Company and Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, and are captive customers of FirstEnergy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Strongsville is a member of NOPEC; and

WHEREAS, FirstEnergy has filed applications with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio ("PUCO") to establish an electric security plan or market rate offer as provided for in Amended Substitute Senate Bill 221; and

WHEREAS, FirstEnergy refuses to extend the current NOPEC generation discount from December 31, 2008 until FirstEnergy's permanent electric rate plan is approved by the PUCO; and

WHEREAS FirstEnergy's refusal to extend the current NOPEC generation discount until FirstEnergy's permanent electric rate plan is approved by the PUCO means that this City's residents will lose the current 5% NOPEC generation discount beginning January 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, losing the current 5% NOPEC generation discount in these troubling and unstable financial times will result in undue hardship for Strongsville residents.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA AND STATE OF OHIO:

- **Section 1.** That the PUCO request FirstEnergy to continue and/or extend the NOPEC generation discount from December 31, 2008 until FirstEnergy's permanent rate plan is approved.
- **Section 2.** That the PUCO adopt NOPEC's recommendations in the FirstEnergy Electric Security Plan case to eliminate the one cent/kwh minimum default service rider for NOPEC customers;
- **Section 3.** That the PUCO eliminate or establish a credit for NOPEC customers for the proposed generation deferral to allow NOPEC to provide generation services to City of Strongsville residents after January 1, 2009.
- **Section 4.** That the PUCO prevent FirstEnergy from making excessive profits at the expense of economically-challenged, hard-working Ohioans.
- Section 5. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council, and any of its committees, that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.
- **Section 6.** That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

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Date Passed: December 15, 2008	Date Approved: <u>Au. 16, a 008</u>
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