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Mark A. Cegelka, Mayor Village of Glenwillow 29555 Pettibone Road Glenwillow, Ohio 44139-5348

Dear Mayor Cegelka,

Thank you for contacting the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) regarding First Energy's proposed Glenwillow Transmission Substation. Your letter of concern in regards to the substation has been docketed in case number 12-1727-EL-BSB. Your letter has also been docketed in case number 12-1726-EL-BTX, the associated case for First Energy's proposed Bruce Mansfield-Glenwillow 345 kV Transmission Line Project.

As you know, on June 1, 2012, First Energy filed a pre-application notification letters in these cases with the OPSB and subsequently scheduled four public information meetings in regards to the transmission and substation projects. On June 21, 2012, a public informational meeting was held at Nordonia High School in Macedonia, Ohio and some of the OPSB staff were able to speak with you directly.

These meetings met the OPSB requirement for a 'public informational meeting' with notification given to the public seven to 14 days prior to the meeting (OAC 4905-5-08 B). These preliminary meetings were held prior to the OPSB receiving applications from First Energy on these projects. The OPSB staff will review the applications when they are filed. Once the applications are deemed completed by the staff and accepted, the OPSB will set hearing dates in the project areas. As the Mayor of Glenwillow, if you have a suggestion on where to hold the local public hearing in the substation case, please contact us and let us know which venue would best meet the needs of your constituents.

In regards to your specific concern of potential health risks associated with a 345 kV transmission line, First Energy will calculate and address these potential risks in their application. During their staff investigation, the OPSB staff will evaluate the project in its entirety including any concerns of public interest.

Again, thank you for your concerns about this process. I have attached an Ohio Power Siting Board process flowchart for your reference. Additional information about the projects will be available once First Energy submits their applications. The complete record for cases 12-1727-EL-BSB and 12-1726-EL-BTX is available online at www.OPSB.ohio.gov.

The OPSB looks forward to your input during the public hearings. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact Matt Butler, Public Outreach Manager, at (614)-644-7670.

Sincerely

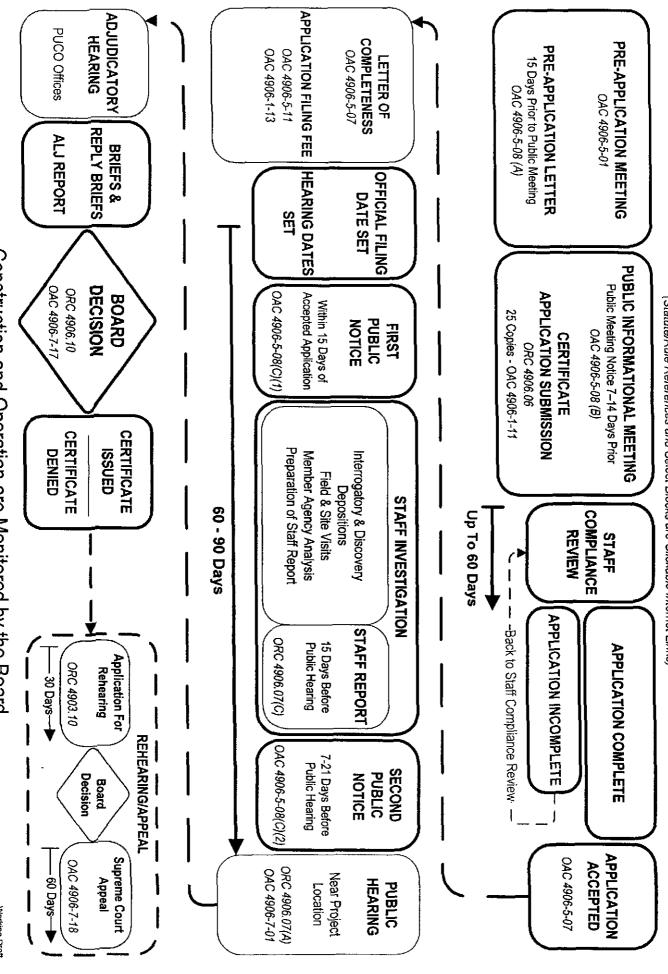
Kim Wissman, Executive Director

Ohio Power Siting Board

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# OHIO POWER SITING PROCESS FLOWCHART

(Statute/Rule References and Select Blocks are Clickable Internet Links)



May 2011

Construction and Operation are Monitored by the Board

Working Draft
Subject to Administrative
Review Every 5 Years



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June 27, 201

Kim Wissman Executive Director Ohio Power Siting Board 180 E. Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Kim,

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter that I sent to First Energy Corporation on their plan to build an electric substation in Glenwillow to transfer the electricity to their new 345 KV line. As you can see from the letter, we are very concerned about this proposal. Some of our concerns are:

- Lack of communication from the company relative to this proposal and/or their plans;
- The negative impact from such a facility in our community given the fact they have not yet determined the exact location;
- Any potential health risks or concerns that we should be aware with transmitting this level of power throughout our Village;
- The lack of information about any positive impact to the Village, i.e. Potential financial benefits to the community or reduced energy costs to our residents and/or businesses.

We appreciate any input you can give us relative to this project. I can be reached at 440-232-8788.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Cegelka, Mayer



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William E. Snyder Manager, External Affairs First Energy Service Co. 7755 Auburn Road Concord, Ohio 44077

June 21, 2012

RE:

Proposed Transmission Line from Beaver County, PA to Glenwillow, OH

Proposed substation to be located in Glenwillow, OH

Dear Mr. Snyder,

As Mayor of the Village of Glenwillow, I must voice my dismay and opposition to First Energy Service Co.'s proposal to locate a new substation in the heart of Glenwillow. I am disappointed that the Village had no input into the "Preliminary Project Timeline", or project information prior to establishing the "Public Informational Meeting". The Village was contacted in early June that a June 21, 2012 meeting in Macedonia, Ohio had already been set and published. This strongly suggests that you have little interest in input from the Village government, its residents, or its businesses.

Moreover, scheduling the "Public Informational Meeting" in Macedonia, Ohio on Thursday, June 21, 2012 for a project that most directly affects the Village of Glenwillow is puzzling. If First Energy is truly interested in the viewpoint of the residents of the Village of Glenwillow, why have no informational meetings been scheduled within the Village itself?

As previously discussed, the Village of Glenwillow has no desire to sell any property it owns to First Energy for the construction of a new substation which is part of this project, particularly on any of the properties identified on your aerial map. These parcels are not suitable for construction of the proposed substation for a number of reasons, not the least of which is proximity to existing residential developments and the fact that they are properties well-suited for private development which would benefit the Village greatly. I believe that the substation would not be in the best interest of the Village, but will have a substantial negative impact.

In fact, I believe there is very little, if any, support to have the proposed substation located anywhere within the Village. The Village already bears the scars of First Energy's high tension towers and lines which traverse the Village from east to west and north to south. We have done and are doing our fair share for the public good.

You have touted this project as necessary to protect the transmission of electric power for the Northeast region of Ohio. Glenwillow has over the course of many years, borne the burden of undesirable projects "for the good of the region". From the myriad of problems caused by the location of landfills within our borders to the unsightly First Energy transmission towers which bisect our community, Glenwillow has long lived with these negative impacts "for the good of the region". I must advise you that the Village of Glenwillow will not acquiesce to a location of the planned substation within its borders without a satisfactory showing of the benefits of this project to its residents.

If you desire to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mark A. Cegelka, Mayor Village of Glenwillow

Cc. The Ohio Power Siting Board





# Glenwillow

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June 5, 2012

Bill Snyder First Energy Manager, External Affairs 7757 Aubrun Road Concord, OH 44077

Dear Mr. Snyder,

I am in receipt of the very preliminary plan for the Beaver County, Pa. to Glenwillow, Oh transmission line and related substation facilities. I appreciate that you need to get notice out to affected entities at the earliest time, and for that reason, the information supplied to us is totally preliminary. But, as I am sure you can tell from the rudlmentary drawing that is shown, I really have virtually no information on which my office as Mayor, the Village Council, Law Director, Engineer and, indeed, the citizens of Glenwillow can make various necessary determinations. In order to have a meaningful dialog and in order to actually engage the Village of Glenwillow in a meaningful planning process, will you please provide me with a greatly enhanced and detailed drawing of all aspects concerning the route through the Village, the proposed capacity, the proposed location and specific real estate parcel(s), specifics concerning the substation proposed for Glenwillow, including any architectural or artists' rendering. Also, please advise me as to First Energy's plan for the existing Glenwillow substation.

First Energy's preliminary notice on this matter was just received in the last two days of May and yet your notice says you intend to gather public input in June of 2012, WHICH IS THIS MONTH. Your notice therefore sounds as if this is urgent to your company. I ask you therefore to urgently get complete information to my office on an urgent basis. We have a Council meeting Wednesday, June 6th at 7:30 and if you are really hoping to get an official and considered response from the Village this month, please get 10 packets of complete information to me, so that I may distribute them at the Council meeting.

My office is open to you for continued dialog on First Energy's proposal.

Very truly yours,

Mark A. Cegelka, Mayo Village of Glenwillow

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Proposed Transmission Line from Beaver County, Fennsylvania, to Glemvillow, Chio

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PJM Interconnection (PJM) is the regional transmission organization that coordinates the movement of electricity and oversees reliability in all or part of 13 states and the District of Columbia. PJM has identified numerous transmission projects that are needed throughout the region to ensure system reliability as power plants in the region are retired. The power plant retirements include nine FirstEnergy plants that are being retired in the region due to the high cost of complying with the J.S. EPA Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) and other navironmental rules.

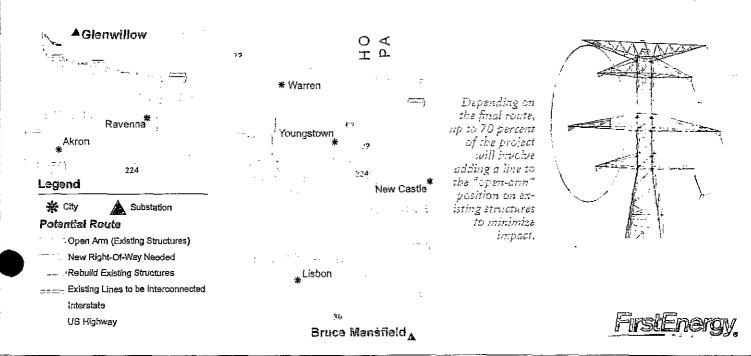
While the bulk of FirstEnergy's projects are needed to ensure system reliability as power plants are retired in northern Ohio, transmission projects will also be completed in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, New Jersey and Maryland as part of FirstEnergy's ongoing commitment to enhance its transmission system reliability. The company estimates spending between \$700 million - \$900 million over the next five years on these projects.

FirstEnergy's projects are both small and large. The small projects include adding transformers and other facilities in existing substations and replacing conductors on existing transmission lines. The larger projects involve three main types of transmission reinforcement: building new 138 and 345 kilovolt (kV) transmission lines; constructing new substations; and converting some of FirstEnergy's retired generating units to synchronous condensers to provide voltage support in the northern Ohio region.

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While many of the projects are in the planning stage, this information packet has been provided to the Village of Glenwillow's administration to help explain how the proposed transmission projects could potentially affect the community.

Sincerely,

William E. Snyder

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# FirstEnergy,

# I. Energizing the Future

- Ensuring Service Reliability for FirstEnergy customers
- Proposed Transmission Facilities in Ohio and Pennsylvania

# II. Typical Substations

## III. Glenwillow Aerials

- transmission lines
- property parcels
- Glenwillow owned parcels (adjacent transmission lines)

## IV. Additional Information:

- Visit:
  - o www.firstenergycorp.com/transmission
- Email:
  - o transmissionprojects@firstenergycorp.com
- Call;
  - o 1-800-589-2837

## Ensuring Service Reliability for FirstEnergy Customers

### Proposed transmission facilities for continued service reliability

- Part of \$700 to \$900 million FirstEnergy planning to invest over the next five years
- Building transmission line and substation to help ensure continued service reliability
- · Coal-fired plants closing due to high cost of meeting EPA requirements
- Based on recommendations by PJM Interconnection

### **Evaluation**

- In conjunction with PJM, company began studies in January 2012 to identify reliability solutions
- Routes being developed to minimize impact to property owners and environment

### **Transmission Line**

- Approximately 110 miles of line planned
- Will begin in Beaver County, PA and end in Glenwillow, OH area
- May traverse parts of the following counties
  - o Ohio: Cuyahoga, Summit, Portage, Mahoning, Trumbull, Columbiana
  - o Pennsylvania: Beaver County
- Up to 70% of the new line could be installed on existing transmission structures
- Approximately \$184 million investment in reliability

### New Substation

- Approximately \$37 million investment
- Will connect two existing transmission lines which will enhance reliability in the region
- Various properties in Glenwillow being evaluated for substation site

### **Public Informational Meetings**

- Routes and project information discussed in areas that may be affected
- Comments used to help determine proposed routes that are ultimately developed
- June 23, 2012, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Nordonia High School, 8006 S. Bedford Road, Macedonia is nearest meeting to the Glenwillow area

# **Energizing the Future**

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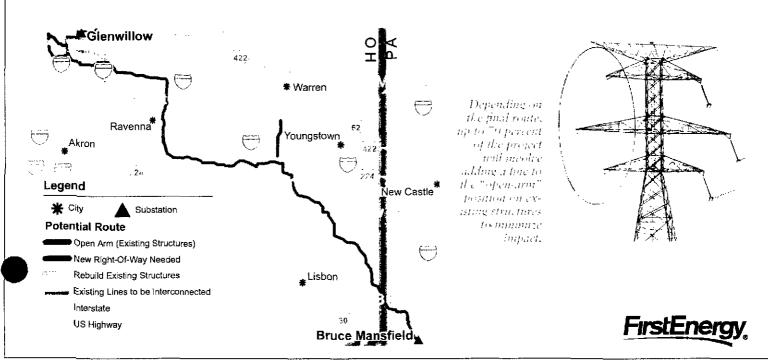
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Transmission: More than 100 miles of single circuit 345kV transmission line is planned for the project. If approved, the line will run from the Bruce Mansfield Plant p Beaver County, Pennsylvania to the new Glenwillow substation in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. The preliminary estimate for this part of the project is \$184 million.

Wherever practical, the new lines will be installed on current transmission structures or other existing rights-of-way in parts of the following Ohio counties: Cuyahoga, Summit, Portage, Mahoning, Columbiana, Trumbull; and Beaver County in Pennsylvania.

Depending on the final route, early studies indicate that up to 70 percent of the project and almost all of the Pennsylvania portion of the project, will involve adding a line to the "openarm" position on existing structures to minimize impact.

**Substation:** The new Glenwillow Substation will connect the new line with two existing transmission lines currently serving the region. Various sites are being evaluated. The goal is to locate the new Glenwillow Substation as close as possible to the existing lines. The preliminary cost estimate for this part of the project is \$37 million.

Public Involvement and the Process: Any transmission project encompasses a multi-step process that includes significant public input.

■ Evaluation: FirstEnergy's siting consultant began route studies for the line in January of 2012. Various potential routes are being further studied to minimize the impact to the environment and property owners.

- Informational Meetings: Potential routes will be discussed at informational meetings held in the areas that may be affected by the project. Members of the public and local officials will be invited to provide input for consideration. These comments will be used to help determine the proposed routes which are ultimately developed. These meetings are planned for June 2012.
- Application: As part of the siting process in Ohio, "preferred" and "alternate" routes for the line and site for the substation are identified. FirstEnergy will then file a formal application for the project with the Ohio Power Siting Board which will hold public hearings as part of their review process. In Pennsylvania, as the line is likely to be installed almost entirely on open arm positions, the line can be proposed using a Letter of Notification to the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. Each filing is expected to occur in August 2012. A final decision for each filing is anticipated within one year after being submitted.
- Easement/Property Acquisition: Early study results indicate there is a large potential to utilize existing rights-of-way for much of the project, greatly reducing the amount of new right-of-way needed. Acquiring any transmission rights-of-way will occur after the application is filed. However, construction will not begin until necessary approvals are received. The construction of the transmission line and substation project will be simultaneous in order to meet PJM's June 2015 in-service date.

For more information about FirstEnergy's investment in reliability, visit www.firstenergycorp.com/transmission.

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January to August	Route Study
May/June 2012	Proposed Routes Developed
June 2012	Public Informational Meetings – Input Considered
August 2012	Application filed with Ohio Power Siting Board and Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission; Public Comment Period
To be determined by OPSB	Public Hearings
Mid 2013	Permits Received/Construction begins
June 1, 2015	PJM requested in-service date



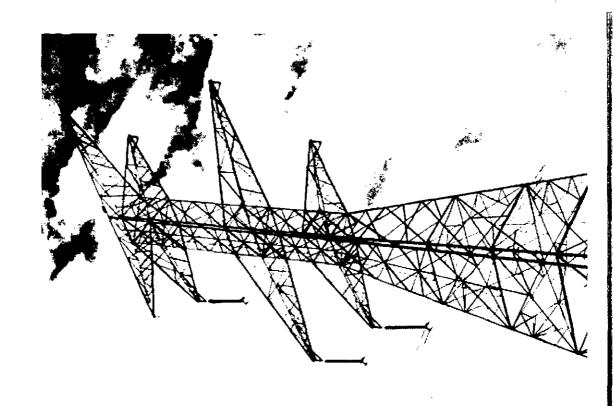
# **Energizing the Future**

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# **FirstEnergy**

# About the Project

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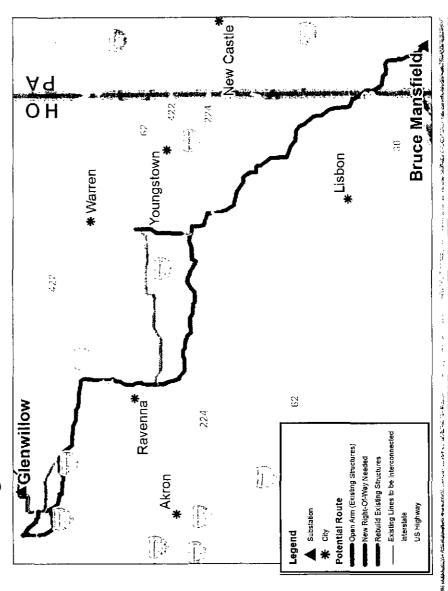
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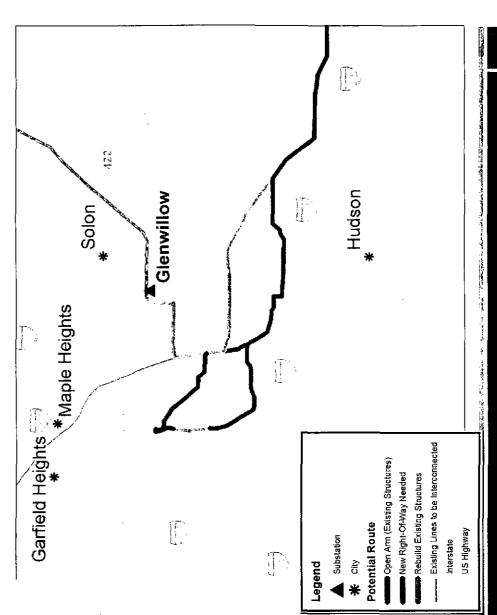
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# About the Project - Substation

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   existing transmission
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- Various properties being evaluated for substation site



# Public Involvement and the Process

# **Evaluation**

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# Application

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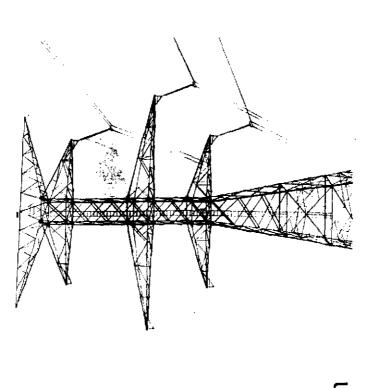
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Filing expected August 2012

# Formal Public Hearings part of process

# Pennsylvania

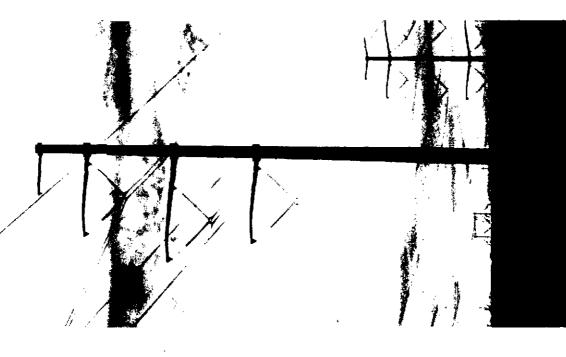
Required to submit "preferred" route
Letter of Notification (LON) filed with
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Filing expected August 2012



Decision for each filing anticipated within one year of filing

# Easement/Property Acquisition

- Potential to utilize existing rights-of-way
- Acquisition will occur after application is filed
- Construction will not begin until approvals are received
- Construction of transmission line and substation project will be simultaneous to meet PJM's requested June 1, 2015 in-service date



# **Project Timeline**

January to August

May/June 2012

June 2012

August 2012

**Route Study** 

**Proposed Routes Developed** 

Public Informational Meetings – Input considered

Application Filed with Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) and Letter of Notification Filed with Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission; Public Comment Period

**Public Hearing** 

To be determined by OPSB

Mid 2013

Permits Received/Construction begins

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June 1, 2015

# For More Information

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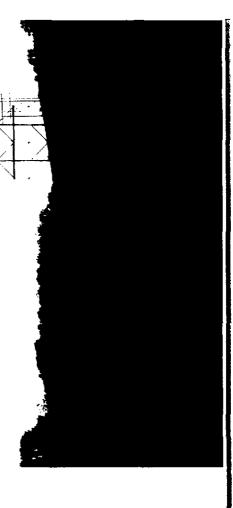
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may arise in connection with any litigation or potential regulatory initiatives or rulemakings (including that such expenditures could result in our decision to shut down or idle certain generating units), the uncertaintles associated with the company's plan to refire its older unscrubbed regulated and competitive fossil units, including the impact on vendor commitments and PJM's review of the company's plans for, and timing of, those retirements, adverse regulatory or legal decisions and outcomes with respect to our nuclear operations (including, but not limited to the revocation or non-renewal or necessary licenses, approvals or operating permits by the NRC including as a result of the incident at Japan's Fukushima Dailichi Nuclear Plant), issues that could result from our continuing evaluation of the indications of cracking in the Davis-Besse plant shield building imposed by the Confirmatory Action Letter issued by the NRC, adverse legal decisions and outcomes related to Met-Ed's and Penelec's ability to recover certain transmission costs through their transmission service charge riders, the continuing availability of generating units and charges in their ability to operate at or near full capacity, replacement power costs being higher than anticipated or inadequately hedged, the ability to comply with applicable state and federar reliability standards and energy efficiency mandates, the ability to accomplish or realize anticipated benefits from strategic goals, FirstEnergy's ability to improve electric commodity margins and the impact of, among other factors, the increased cost of fuel and fuel transportation on such margins, the ability to where investments to make diffect the value of assets held in FirstEnergy's NDTs, pension trusts and other trust funds, and cause FirstEnergy singularies to make additional contributions sooner, or in amounts that are larger than currently anticipated, the ability to condition of the capital and credit markets affecting FirstEnergy sond in the capital and overall conditi suspend work on the project pending review of its planning process, its re-evaluation of the need for the project and the uncertainty of the timing and implied by such forward-looking statements. Actual results may differ materially due to: the speed and nature of increased competition in the electric utility industry, the impact of the regulatory process on the pending matters before FERC and in the various states in which we do business including, but not limited to, matters related to rates, the status of the PATH project in light of the PJM Interconnection, L.L.C., (PJM) direction to Such statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties. These statements include declarations regarding management's intents, beliefs and current expectations. These statements typically contain, but are not limited to, the terms "anticipate," "potential," "expect," "believe," "estimate" and similar words. Forward-looking statements involve estimates, assumptions, known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may amounts of any related capital expenditures, the uncertainties of various cost recovery and cost allocation issues resulting from ATSI's realignment into PJM, economic or weather conditions affecting future sales and margins, changes in markets for energy services, changing energy and commodity market prices and availability, financial derivative reforms that could increase our liquidity needs and collateral costs, the continued ability of FirstEnergy's regulated utilities to collect transition and other costs, operation and maintenance costs being higher than anticipated, other legislative and regulatory changes, and revised environmental requirements, including possible GHG emission, water intake and coal combustion residual regulations, the potential impacts of any laws, rules or regulations that ultimately replace CAIR, including CSAPR which was stayed by the courts on December 30, 2011, and the effects of the EPA's MATS rules, the uncertainty of the timing and amounts of the capital expenditures that such factor on FirstEnergy's business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements. 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