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Chairman Todd Snitchler
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Snitchler,

We are writing in regards to FirstEnergy Corporation's recently filed energy efficiency portfolio proposal for the next three years.

The extent to which FirstEnergy implements energy efficiency measures over the next few years will have significant financial repercussions for constituents in our districts. Energy efficiency programs drive down customer costs, reduce energy needs and are a driving force behind economic development with 32,000 new Ohio jobs expected to be created in the efficiency industry. **We therefore believe it is imperative the PUCO require FirstEnergy to implement all cost effective energy efficiency programs as outlined in SB 221 of the 127th General Assembly.**

Over the past several years, FirstEnergy customers have faced significant increased costs and missed opportunities for savings resulting in hundreds of millions of dollars in potentially unnecessary costs to customers. Examples include FirstEnergy's second Electric Security Proposal (ESP) filing in 2010 which was anticipated to increase customer rates by \$350 million and their recently approved third ESP filing in which \$600 million in energy efficiency savings was unrecognized. Additionally, partially due to FirstEnergy's failure to recognize the full extent of energy efficiency savings in ESP 3, **the Company is now stating it is necessary to build \$1 billion in new transmission lines to bring additional power in from outside of Ohio.** These are debilitating costs to our constituents and warrant a full detailed and deliberate review.

On behalf of our constituents, we request the PUCO engage with FirstEnergy and exercise its due diligence to guarantee the public's trust before any decision is made concerning the company's proposal. A ruling of this nature and complexity cannot be rushed and must ensure customers are guaranteed access to all cost effective energy efficiency opportunities and protected from exorbitant and unnecessary costs. The PUCO must have time to properly investigate and deliberate

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with time allotted for public discussion, review and comment in order to make an informed decision.

Thank you for your consideration on this critical issue. We look forward to your timely response and future discussion.

Sincerely,

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District 23
Ohio Senate

Senator Joseph Schiavoni
District 33
Ohio Senate

The Honorable Kenny Yuko
House District 07
Ohio House of Representatives

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