# BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

Carbo Forge, Inc., Wyandot, Inc.,	)
Plaskolite, Inc., American Trim, LLC,	)
Whirlpool Corporation, McWane, Inc.,	)
Navistar, Inc., Sauder Woodworking Co.,	)
McDonald Steel Corporation, Henny	) CASE NO. 14-1610-EL-CSS
Penny Corporation, Lima Refining	)
Company, Campbell Soup Supply	)
Company, LLC., Cooper Tire & Rubber	)
Company, Mantaline Corporation,	)
Republic Steel, Jay Industries, Inc., Sun	)
Chemical Corporation, and 3M Company.	)
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Complainants,	)
	)
<b>v.</b>	)
	)
FirstEnergy Solutions Corp.	)
	)
Respondent.	)

## DEFENDANT FIRSTENERGY SOLUTIONS CORP.'S ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

For its Answer to Complainants' Complaint, Respondent FirstEnergy Solutions Corp. ("FES") states as follows:

## **Parties and Jurisdiction:**

- 1. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 1 of the Complaint for lack of knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth.
- 2. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 2 of the Complaint for lack of knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth.
- 3. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 3 of the Complaint for lack of knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth.

- 4. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 4 of the Complaint for lack of knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth.
- 5. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 5 of the Complaint for lack of knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth.
- 6. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 6 of the Complaint for lack of knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth.
- 7. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 7 of the Complaint for lack of knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth.
- 8. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 8 of the Complaint for lack of knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth.
- 9. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 9 of the Complaint for lack of knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth.
- 10. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 10 of the Complaint for lack of knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth.
- 11. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 11 of the Complaint for lack of knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth.
- 12. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 12 of the Complaint for lack of knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth.
- 13. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 13 of the Complaint for lack of knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth.
- 14. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 14 of the Complaint for lack of knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth.

- 15. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 15 of the Complaint for lack of knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth.
- 16. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 16 of the Complaint for lack of knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth.
- 17. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 17 of the Complaint for lack of knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth.
- 18. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 18 of the Complaint for lack of knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth.
  - 19. FES admits the allegations in paragraph 19 of the Complaint.

## **Jurisdiction**

- 20. FES admits the allegations in paragraph 20 of the Complaint.
- 21. FES admits the allegations in paragraph 21 of the Complaint.
- 22. FES admits the allegations in paragraph 22 of the Complaint.
- 23. FES admits the allegations in paragraph 23 of the Complaint.
- 24. FES admits the allegations in paragraph 24 of the Complaint.
- 25. FES states that Ohio Administrative Code §\$4928:1-24-(01-13) and 4901:1-21-(01-15) and Ohio Revised Code §4928.08 and speak for themselves. FES denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 25 of the Complaint..
- 26. FES admits that the certificate is quoted accurately. FES denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 26 of the Complaint.
- 27. FES states that Ohio Revised Code § 4928.08(D) speaks for itself. FES denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 27 of the Complaint.

- 28. FES states that Ohio Revised Code § 4928.16(A)(1) speaks for itself. FES denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 28 of the Complaint.
- 29. FES states that Ohio Revised Code § 4928.16(A)(2) speaks for itself. FES denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 29 of the Complaint.
- 30. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 30 of the Complaint for lack of knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth since Complainants have failed to identify the rules or statutes referenced in this paragraph.
- 31. FES states that O.A.C. 4901:1-21-02(E) speaks for itself. FES denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 31 of the Complaint.
  - 32. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 32 of the Complaint.
  - 33. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 33 of the Complaint.
  - 34. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 34 of the Complaint.
  - 35. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 35 of the Complaint.

#### **General Allegations**

- 36. FES incorporates all the preceding paragraphs as if fully rewritten herein.
- 37. FES admits that Complainants are FES customers. FES denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 37 of the Complaint.
- 38. FES admits that the Supply Agreement quote is from a form of a Supply Agreement. FES denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 38 of the Complaint.
  - 39. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 39 of the Complaint.
- 40. FES admits that the Supply Agreement quote is from a form of a Supply Agreement. FES denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 38 of the Complaint.

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- 41. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 41 of the Complaint.
- 42. FES states that Ohio Revised Code §4928.01(A)(1) speaks for itself.
- 43. FES admits PJM's website is quoted accurately, and denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 43 of the Complaint.
- 44. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 44 of the Complaint for lack of knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth.
- 45. FES admits that the Supply Agreement is quoted correctly. FES denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 45 of the Complaint.
- 46. FES denies that the Supply Agreement is quoted correctly. *See* Complaint, Confidential Ex. B, p. 5. FES denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 46 of the Complaint.
- 47. FES admits that the Supply Agreement is quoted correctly. FES denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 47 of the Complaint.
  - 48. FES admits the allegations in paragraph 48 of the Complaint.
- 49. FES admits that the Pricing Attachment is quoted correctly. FES denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 38 of the Complaint.
  - 50. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 50 of the Complaint.
- 51. FES admits the letter is quoted accurately, and denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 51 of the Complaint.
- 52. FES admits that some Complainants wrote to FES regarding the Surcharge. FES denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 52 of the Complaint.
- 53. FES admits letters were sent to some Complainants and that the letters speak for themselves. FES denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 53 of the Complaint.

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- 54. FES admits invoices were sent to some Complainants and that the invoices speak for themselves. FES denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 54 of the Complaint.
  - 55. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 55 of the Complaint.
- 56. FES admits receiving letters from some Complainants. FES denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 56 of the Complaint.
- 57. FES admits letters were sent to some Complainants and that the letters speak for themselves. FES denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 57 of the Complaint.
  - 58. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 58 of the Complaint.
- 59. FES denies the allegations contained in paragraph 59 of the Complaint for lack of knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth.
- 60. FES denies the allegations contained in paragraph 59 of the Complaint for lack of knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth.
- 61. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 61 of the Complaint for lack of knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to their truth.

## **COUNT I**

- 62. FES incorporates all the preceding paragraphs as if fully rewritten herein.
- 63. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 63 of the Complaint.
- 64. FES states that Ohio Revised Code § 4928.02(A) speaks for itself. FES denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 64 of the Complaint.
- 65. FES states that Ohio Revised Code. § 4928.02(I) speaks for itself. FES denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 65 of the Complaint.
- 66. FES states that Ohio Administrative Code §§ 4901:1-21-03(A)(1) -(3) speak themselves. FES denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 66 of the Complaint.

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- 67. FES states that Ohio Administrative Code §4901:1-21-11(A) speaks for itself. FES denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 67 of the Complaint.
  - 68. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 68 of the Complaint.

#### **COUNT II**

- 69. FES incorporates all the preceding paragraphs as if fully rewritten herein.
- 70. FES admits the allegations in paragraph 70 of the Complaint.
- 71. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 71 of the Complaint.
- 72. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 72 of the Complaint.

#### **COUNT III**

- 73. FES incorporates all the preceding paragraphs as if fully rewritten herein.
- 74. FES states that O.R.C. § 4928.02(B) speaks for itself. FES denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 74 of the Complaint.
- 75. FES states that O.A.C. § 4901:1-21-12(A)(7)(a) does not exist, that O.A.C. § 4901:1-21-12(B)(7)(a) applies only to contracts with residential and small commercial customers, and that O.A.C. 4901:1-21-12(B)(8) allows for contingency clauses in such contracts. FES denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 75 of the Complaint.
  - 76. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 76 of the Complaint.

## **COUNT IV**

- 77. FES incorporates all the preceding paragraphs as if fully rewritten herein.
- 78. FES admits the allegations in paragraph 78 of the Complaint.
- 79. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 79 of the Complaint.
- 80. FES admits the Surcharge is related to PJM-imposed ancillary services costs. FES denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 80 of the Complaint.

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- 81. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 81 of the Complaint.
- 82. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 82 of the Complaint.
- 83. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 83 of the Complaint.
- 84. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 84 of the Complaint.

#### **COUNT V**

- 85. FES incorporates all the preceding paragraphs as if fully rewritten herein.
- 86. FES admits the allegations in paragraph 86 of the Complaint.
- 87. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 87 of the Complaint.
- 88. FES states O.A.C. 4901:1-21-14(C)(2) speaks for itself. FES denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 88 of the Complaint.
- 89. FES states O.A.C. 4901:1-21-18(E)(2) speaks for itself. FES denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 89 of the Complaint.
  - 90. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 90 of the Complaint.
  - 91. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 91 of the Complaint.

## **COUNT VI**

- 92. FES incorporates all the preceding paragraphs as if fully rewritten herein.
- 93. FES states that Ohio Revised Code O.R.C. § 4901:1-24-05(D), the Ohio Administrative Code, and Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4928 speak for themselves. FES denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 93 of the Complaint.
  - 94. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 94 of the Complaint.

#### **COUNT VII**

95. FES incorporates all the preceding paragraphs as if fully rewritten herein.

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- 96. FES states O.A.C. 4901:1-24-13 speaks for itself. FES denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 96 of the Complaint.
- 97. FES states O.A.C. 4901:1-21-02(E) speaks for itself. FES denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 97 of the Complaint.
- 98. FES states O.A.C. 4901:1-21-15 speaks for itself. FES denies any remaining allegations in paragraph 98 of the Complaint.
  - 99. FES denies the allegations in paragraph 99 of the Complaint.

## **AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

FES hereby sets forth its affirmative defenses to the claims asserted in the Complaint as follows:

- 100. Complainants claims are barred in whole or in part for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.
- 101. Complainants claims are barred in whole or in part because the Commission does not have jurisdiction over the terms of a contract, including but not limited to the price and term, between a CRES provider and its customers.
  - 102. Complainants claims are barred in whole or in part by the doctrine of estoppel.
  - 103. Complainants claims are barred in whole or in part by the parol evidence rule.

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# Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing *FirstEnergy Solutions Corp.'s Answer* was served this 6th day of October, 2014, via e-mail upon the parties below.

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