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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
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Attention: Case number 14-0841EL-SSO

My family and I care about reducing toxic pollution and saving money on our electric bills. I pay my bill to Duke Energy and I care about this issue because I do not believe it is just to force consumers to purchase energy from a specified provider at an increased rate at no benefit to the consumer.

I understand that there is an energy crisis and I understand that resources are limited. That being said, if we are going to build communities that will last long in to the future we need to look at the environmental impact of our decisions. Coal should not be the first option just because it is available or easy. Solar panels, wind energy, and geothermal options have been shown to be effective and cost saving in the long run. As individual consumers, many of us cannot afford to equip our homes with these sources, but, our income status should not obligate us to leave dirty fingerprints on our landscape simply because the company from which we purchase our energy (without option) uses coal, uses old plants that are out-of-date.

Be a forerunner in your field. Invest in the future. Be a part of innovation. Be a company that people respect and take pride in. Make the right decision. Deny the rate increase to lock consumers into buying power from Ohio's oldest, dirtiest coal plants.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully yours,



Elizabeth A. Day

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