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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio:

In a recent article regarding First Energy's Purchased Power Agreement, Andre Porter states, "At the end of the day, my focus is to ensure that we do whatever is best for Ohio. Our state will be most successful, in my view, with a commission that confronts the biggest challenges. This commission must find solutions to assure Ohioans that they will have adequate utility resources to support the economy." (<http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/business/2015/05/28/issue-of-coal-plant-income-guarantees-remains-unsettled.html>)

My husband is 1 of over 400 employees at First Energy's Sammis Plant. The plant is able to produce 2,233 megawatts of electricity, which supplies power to approximately 2.2 million homes. Beginning in 2005, Sammis underwent a \$1.8 billion upgrade of its air quality control systems. During this project, scrubbers were installed on 7 units, which remove in excess of 95% of sulfur dioxide. In addition, new nitrogen oxide control equipment was installed, which removes up to 90% of nitrogen oxide gases. First Energy invested a significant amount of money into this plant in order for it to comply with environmental standards. The retrofit was named Construction Project of the Year by Platts Global Energy Awards in 2010. (https://www.firstenergycorp.com/content/fecorp/environmental/environmental_stewardship/generation/sammis_plant.html)

The Davis-Besse nuclear plant employs approximately 700 people and stimulates another 4,600 jobs in other industries throughout the state. During full power operation, this plant provides 894 megawatts of *emission-free* electricity to Ohio homes and businesses. This is approximately enough power for 894,000 homes. (<http://www.nei.org/CorporateSite/media/filefolder/Policy/Papers/DavisBesseEconomicBenefits.pdf?ext=.pdf>)

Mr. Andre Porter and PUCO Commissioners, if you wish to "do whatever is best for Ohio," you will approve First Energy's Purchased Power Agreement. As noted above, the plants under this agreement impose no environmental threats to our state, as they are both in compliance with EPA standards. If you deny First Energy's proposal, there is a great chance that these plants will either be shut down, or sold. This action could potentially eliminate 5,700 jobs in Ohio. Nearly 3 million customers could be at risk for power outages if adequate alternative sources of electricity are not available immediately.

Your choice to deny First Energy's proposal would certainly cause much more harm than good for our state of Ohio, for both the company's employees and the customers. I encourage you to **please accept First Energy's Purchase Power Agreement**. It is not a bailout. It is an agreement that will keep these viable, environmentally friendly, plants operating and will assure that Ohio's customers will have adequate electricity sources, which will, in turn, support our economy.

Sincerely,

Alanna Bellanca

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Dear Public Utilities Commission
of Ohio,

My family and I care about
reducing toxic pollution and
saving money on our electric
bills.

On behalf of the Ohio Citizen
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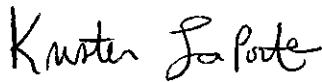
February 8, 2016

Dear Public Utilities Commission of Ohio,

As a concerned mother and tax payer I am writing to inform you that my family and I care about reducing toxic pollution and saving money on our electric bills. My family and I think it is in the best interest of our government to deny the rate increase to lock consumers into buying power from Ohio's oldest and dirties coal plants as this only benefits utility stakeholders and delays investment in efficiency and renewable energy. In addition, please oppose an "indefinite freeze" of our clean energy standards.

It breaks my heart to know that my children are not only at risk for not being able to swim at the beach but of drinking poisonous toxic water that may cause long term health issues and cancer. By limiting pollution to our air and water there will be fewer deaths and sickness for everyone in our families, neighborhoods, and state. Let's keep Ohio a clean and healthy state!

Thank you for your time and concern in this matter,



Kristen LaPorte