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To the Public Utilities Commission of Olino-A am writing to you regarding case numbers 14-1297-EL-SSO and 14-1693-EL-SSO. My family and I care about reducing toxic pollution and saving money on our electric bill. It is impurative that we reduce our dependence on coal for electricity to then reduce mercury and other contamination that pollutes own drinking water from Lake Eric and the Ohio River. Also, limiting pellution to our air and water leads to fewerl deaths and Aickness for everyore, inside and outside Whio.

Please oppose an "indefinite freezo" of our clear energy standards. Sincerely, Cynthia Lowry South Enclid, OH Subsidize the installation of residential dwelling solar systems. Makes the activist put their own beliefs in action by constructing in their backyard. Only make subsidy available in site t situation of the dwelling is condusive. No land grants, t thousands of root tops available.

> 14-1297-EL-550 14-1693-EL-550 Cut down Usage by Strategic residential solar Systems

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February 17, 2016

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio 180 East Broad Street Columbus, OH 43215

## RE: Opposition Comment to PPA Cases 14-1693-EL-RDR; 14-1297-EL-SSO

Dear PUCO:

I am writing to urge you to act to reject the negotiated settlements of FirstEnergy and AEP (and a small group of others who have negotiated certain benefits) that will enable the utilities to implement costly Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) riders and other cost-driving provisions.

Should the PUCO approve the deals, both utilities will be able to collect costs (via non-bypassable PPA riders) from all of their customers to subsidize their uneconomical generation assets, thus protecting the utilities from cost risk and guaranteeing their profits and cost recovery. And put it all on the backs of their customers for an eight-year term.

Ohio's Consumers' Counsel has estimated that the FirstEnergy settlement could cost consumers \$3.9 billion over the eight-year duration of the PPA, and the AEP settlement could cost consumers \$2 billion.

Our company consumes approximately 279,311,816 kWh/year. We estimate the additional costs of this new rider to be \$12.5 million over the eight year term of the case. That is real money that could jeopardize our competitiveness in the US market, deter capital investment in the site and affect our personnel and hiring practices. The plant will have to investigate all options to offset the significant cost increase of doing business in the state of Ohio.

If approved by the full PUCO, these deals will put an unnecessary and anti-competitive layer of costs on consumers with no commensurate benefits, constrain competition, and dampen technological innovation in Ohio. In addition, both settlements contain other provisions that will increase costs to consumers.

The markets for electricity in Ohio are working to the benefit of consumers. These deals are a massive setback to the consumer-friendly efficiency of those markets.

Please protect Ohio manufacturers and all consumers in FirstEnergy and AEP territories, the lion's share of the state in terms of utilities, from this substantial bailout/giveaway.

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cc: Governor John Kasich State Senator Sharrod Brown State Representative Jim Jordan